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SPAIN STORMS 'REBELS' FROM SEA, LAND, AIR

Gov't Raiders Harass Fascists; Positions Consolidated

MADRID—While consolidating their positions gained as a result of the devastating repulse of the Italian offensive at Guadalajara, the Spanish Loyalists launched a devastating offensive by land, sea and air.

One of the largest air fleets ever to take off under government command bombed wide areas of Fascist-held territory, including three important centers: Teruel, Zaragoza and Melilla, Spanish Morocco.

Fleet Active
A Loyalist fleet returned safely to Cartagena harbor after bombing both Melilla and Malaga.

In the Pozoblanco district, where important quicksilver mines became the objective of a new Fascist offensive, government troops completely repulsed an offensive, inflicting severe losses on the Italian and Moorish troops, and extended government lines.

The Central Front Loyalist command under General Joseph Miaja, however, is avoiding any large-scale extension of lines, and consolidating positions already gained.

Santa Monica Law Violated Pledge

SANTA MONICA—An anti-picketing ordinance carrying a penalty of \$500 fine or six months imprisonment was the reward received by workers here for their support of Mayor Edmund S. Gillette in the last elections.

Calously violating his promise of sympathy to labor, Gillette, together with the reactionary City Council, bowed to orders from the labor-hating Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and a handful of business men when, after a secret meeting, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

CIO Solid in Gold Miners' Demand

GRASS VALLEY—The Nevada County Mine Workers' Protective League, company union, proved it was only shadow-boxing when it demanded a \$1 per day increase, and has now decided to accept the gold mining companies' 50 cents offer.

The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, which has organized 1000 out of 2000 gold miners of this county, remains solid for the \$1 demand.

Labor Movement Booms in Plumas

PORTOLA, Plumas County — Box factory workers of the Feather River Lumber Co., on strike since March 1, have received their Carpenters' charter. The Loyalton local, composed of workers in the Clover Valley Lumber Co., have also received their charter.

The Workers' Press Drive

Rush Funds in for Successful Close!

In order to draw the \$12,000 WESTERN WORKER-DAILY WORKER drive to a successful close, it is essential that all sections which have not sent in all their funds, send them in at once!

Undoubtedly some of the sections are still holding funds collected in the drive. Do not delay in rushing such funds in.

To those sections which have gone over their quotas, we extend congratulations.

To those sections which have not, rush your funds in at once. Don't lag behind!

Wonder Why Labor Party Is Needed?

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

June 15,
1936.

Mr. E. T. Cunningham, President
R.C.A. - Victor Company,
Calden, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

This letter will be presented by Mr. Max Sherwood,
Chief of Sherwood's Detective Bureau, 1457 Broadway, New
York City.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Sherwood for some
time, and have been most favorably impressed by his work. He
feels that there may be some opportunity for service to
your company, and I would more than appreciate it if you can
grant him a short interview, or refer him to the proper
official of your company.

With kindest regards, I am --

Sincerely,
Frank D. Hooper
Governor.

THIS OUGHT to help convince you, if you do. It's a letter from Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, recommending to the RCA-Victor Radio Company in Camden that they use the service of the Sherwood agency of thugs, stool pigeons and provocateurs. Hoffman's a Republican, but don't forget that Democratic governors of Indiana, Kentucky, and other states have sent National Guardsmen against strikers.

Obispo Pickers' Plight

They Starve, While Contractors Lure More to Scene

SAN LUIS OBISPO — While 2000 pea pickers were starving because heavy rains had retarded crops, labor contractors advertised to lure more pickers to this county.

A placard circulated widely in neighboring Santa Barbara County read:
"Wanted at once, 50 families to pick peas. Long job, free camp, good water."

The pea pickers are encamped in shabby tents on the Nipomo mesa. State relief authorities admit that their grocery relief is inadequate.

Ft. Sutter Farms Seek Flood Aid

FREEPORT, Sacramento County — Poor and middle farmers in the Fort Sutter area have come to the conclusion that overflowing of the area can be prevented by cleaning out the channels of the water courses and installing low lift pumps.

The farmers have been hard hit by recent storms, and demand this protection from the state reclamation board.

HIT 'RED SCARE' ATTACK IN L. A. ON G. JOHNSON

Election Laws Are Being Violated in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—In face of the complete refusal of either the city attorney or the district attorney to take action in enforcement of election laws, Grover Johnson, noted labor attorney and candidate for the city council from the 13th district, has requested that Attorney General U. S. Webb step in and enforce the laws.

Johnson's action arose as a result of leaflets distributed at (Continued on Page 4)

LABOR IS SET TO KILL BIGGAR ACT

Compulsory Arbitration Is the Plan of Senator

SACRAMENTO—Hearings on the Biggar Industrial Court Bill, SB 241, are set for next Thursday, and organized labor has marshaled its forces to put a crimp in the vicious anti-labor proposal.

The bill, introduced by Senator George H. Biggar of Mendocino County, would set up a State Industrial Relations Court, under which compulsory arbitration would be instituted.

Harry Bridges of the I.L.A. has written Biggar informing him that organized labor would never agree to surrender the right to enforce its demands through strike action.

Dore, Shelley to Hit Supreme Court

SAN FRANCISCO—"Stop Judicial Dictatorship" will be the slogan of a mass symposium on the Supreme Court issue, to be held this Wednesday, March 31, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium under auspices of the People's Lobby, California People's Legislative Conference.

The symposium—on the legal, social, business and labor aspect of the "nine old men" issue—will feature such prominent speakers as John F. Dore, mayor of Seattle; John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council; Prof. Samuel May, University of California.

George P. Davis, attorney for Tom Mooney, will preside.

S. P. Strike Vote Shows Railroaders Seething

POLICE GRAFT TARBRUSH ON POLITICIANS

Ross: "Clean-Up" Is Comic Relief in S.F. Probe

(See Editorial, Page 4)
SAN FRANCISCO—Politician after politician got involved in the police graft investigation here over the week-end, while Mayor Rossi's order to Police Chief Quinn to "clean up the town" was having laughable results.

District Attorney Matt Brady was discovered to be in debt to Pete McDonough, the "fountainhead of corruption," according to the Atherton graft report, in the most startling expose of the week-end.

Presiding Superior Judge Steiger also figured in the graft exposure (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Congress Asked to Aid Tom Mooney

WASHINGTON—Congress on Monday was asked to petition Go. Merriam of California for Tom Mooney's pardon.

The unusual resolution was introduced by Representative Jerry J. O'Connell of Montana, the son of a Butte copper miner. O'Connell's resolution also called on President Roosevelt to intervene for Mooney.

O'Connell joined Farmer-Laborites Teigan and Bernard last week in protesting the McReynolds false neutrality bill, aimed at the Spanish people.

Senate Passes An Anti-Strike Bill

SACRAMENTO — The reactionary state Senate has passed Oakland Senator Knowland's bill, making it a misdemeanor to interfere with movement of food and drug supplies.

The bill is aimed at strikes. In reality it can be used against any strike whatsoever in all branches of the food industry, warehouses, docks and ships, on roadways, by teamsters, etc.

This was pointed out by Senators Olsen and Seawell, who fought the Knowland bill.

Labor must fight it bitterly. As the Senate passed the bill, Senator Thomas Keating of Marin expressed the fear that "we are getting into another Criminal Syndicalism Act."

Cut Imperial Relief Send Men to Fields

EL CENTRO—Approximately 350 persons have already been cut off relief in the past few days in Imperial County and forced into agricultural field work at wages far below a subsistence level.

In the next two weeks 1000 more will receive the same treatment, the state relief director announces.

How Many Can You Answer?

- 1—What was the first permanent organization of workers in the United States?
 - 2—The 200th anniversary of what great liberal thinker is being celebrated this year?
 - 3—What is the HOLC?
 - 4—What is the Welch "sit-down bill," and what is labor's attitude toward it?
 - 5—In what states are repeaters of the Criminal Syndicalism Act under legislative consideration?
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"ITALY AT WAR"



"Italy is at war with Spain," says Spanish ambassador to U. S., Fernando de los Rios (See Page 2). He is shown above congratulating a New York nurse on her way to join Loyalist medical forces.

Favor Bill on Scabs

Yorty Bills Reported Favorably by Cal. Assembly Com.

SACRAMENTO—The Tenney Bill, which would prohibit employers from advertising for labor while carrying on negotiations with employees, has been favorably reported by the Assembly labor and capital committee.

The committee has also favorably reported the Yorty bills, AB 2692 and AB 2693, prohibiting the transportation of strike-breakers and their employment if they have not resided 30 days in a county where a strike is in progress.

"These bills are along the lines long sought by organized labor; which has suffered much from importation of thugs into the scene of a strike."

W.P.A. WORKERS' STRIKE LOOMS

Immediate Action Planned If Demands Not Met

SAN FRANCISCO — Unless agreement for a 10 per cent wage increase and stoppage of layoff is reached Tuesday afternoon with State Administrator William R. Lawson, the Bay Area Committee of Action in its meeting Tuesday night will set the date for an immediate strike of 30,000 WPA workers.

This announcement was made by Roy R. Nofz, Alameda County chairman of the Workers' Alliance and chairman of the Bay Area Committee of Action.

The committee of action represents the Alliance in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties as well as the San Francisco local of the American Federation of Government Employees in which San Francisco white collar WPA workers are organized.

Lawson Saturday announced definite refusal to grant the 10 per cent wage increase. A strike is considered inevitable unless his adamant attitude changes in Tuesday afternoon's meeting.

The committee of action holds a mandate to call a strike as and when necessary to enforce the demands.

Oakland, Contra Costa Butchers May Strike Soon

OAKLAND—By a vote of 506 to 4, Alameda and Contra Costa County Butchers' Union members have decided to strike April 12 unless wage demands are granted.

Besides an 8-hour day, 40-hour week, the butchers seek \$42 a week.

GREAT C. I. O. STEEL VICTORY AT TORRANCE

1000 Sign Up, New Local Recognized; SF Unity Confab

(SEE PAGE 2 FOR GREEN ATTACK, WHITNEY DEFENSE OF SITDOWN STRIKES)

TORRANCE—A great victory for the CIO has been won in the Columbia Steel plant here. Following a meeting attended by over 1000 employees of the U. S. Steel subsidiary, a local of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers was organized, and will be recognized by the company as collective bargaining agency.

Charles Steele is president of the new local.

LOS ANGELES—A new page in labor history was turned here March 26 when organized labor from all over the city packed the Philharmonic Auditorium in protest against the indictment of nearly 400 Douglas strikers.

Branding District Attorney Burton Fitts as "the loyal defender of the open shoppers," the more than 1500 assembled workers loudly cheered as they accepted the slogan, "The fight for the heroic '400' has just begun."

OAKLAND—Only with reinstatement of a discharged employee, Fred Wholey, was the one day sitdown at three General Motors plants ended Monday.

200 struck at Fisher Body, and about 100 in Chevrolet.

SAN FRANCISCO—The CIO (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Spain Conference in S. F. April 4

SAN FRANCISCO—Organizations defending the Spanish people against Fascism are invited to a conference under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy Sunday, April 4, at 1566 California street, 2 p. m.

Dr. G. Facci, head of the Italian-American Labor Bureau, and Paul Lyons, vice president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, will be among the speakers.

Any organization active in raising funds for the Spanish government is invited to send delegates, and individual sympathizers of the same cause are invited as spectators.

Butte Farmers Hit Reckless Dredging

OROVILLE, Butte County — Following the lead of Yuba County farmers, farmers in Butte County have begun to demand strict control of dredging by gold mining companies. The uncontrolled dredging causes debris to pile up and brings about the danger of floods, ruining farm lands.

A resolution adopted by the Butte County Agricultural Economic Conference reflected the feeling of Butte County farmers.

E. Bay Labor in Picket Law Meet

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Central Labor Council will convene in special meeting next Monday night at the Labor Temple, on the campaign to repeal the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance. The council has invited representatives from all labor bodies and interested organizations.

15,000 Go Off Relief

Forced To Work In Fields At Wages Below Starvation

SACRAMENTO—Slated to be lopped off relief rolls, 15,000 California workers will be sent to work in the agricultural fields within one month, at wages far under starvation rates.

Announcement to that effect is made by Harold E. Pomeroy, state relief administrator. (See below for Imperial Valley Story).

SIMPSON TO TELL OF NAZI TERROR

"18 Months in Nazi Hell" Will Be Described

SAN FRANCISCO — Adolph Hitler's regime in Germany will be described by Lawrence Simpson, West Coast seaman, who spent 18 months in Nazi jails, in an address on "Eighteen Months in a Nazi Hell," at Dreamland Auditorium, Wednesday, April 7, at 8 p. m.

The meeting in San Francisco is to be held under the auspices of District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific; Culinary Unions; the International Labor Defense; the International Professional Association; the Tom Mooney, King-Ramsey-Conner, Modesto and Sacramento Syndicalism Prisoners Defense Committees and others.

Henry Schmidt, President of Local 38-79, International Longshoremen's Association, will preside. Rabbi Weinstein and Rev. Herrick Lane will also speak. Proceeds of the meeting are to be used in the defense of California Labor Prisoners and Anti-Fascist work.

WHY S.P. STRIKE VOTE IS TAKEN

Two Brotherhoods Tell of Repeated Violations

The following is the joint statement issued by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, concerning the strike vote now under way among Southern Pacific employees:

"The controversies between the management and these two organizations extend back over a long period of time and involve rules in agreements between the management and the organizations concerning rates of pay, working conditions and failure of the company to apply awards rendered by Division 1 of the National Railroad Adjustment Board and pay employees monies due them under the provisions of the awards; also the management's refusal to recognize the rights of representation (Continued on Page 4)

See page 2 for news of the Los Angeles elections, platforms of progressive candidates.

S. F. LABOR MOVEMENT AND SPAIN Labor Clarion's Admiration for Loyalists

SAN FRANCISCO—Administration of the courage of the Spanish Loyalist fighters, and recognition that Italian troops are aiding Franco's Fascists are contained in an editorial in the current issue of the "Labor Clarion," organ of the San Francisco Labor Council.

The editorial states:
The drive that was to smash the Loyalist republican government of Spain and put Franco in

BROTHERHOODS ACT AFTER A YEAR OF TALK

Victims of Law Now Being Aimed At Marine Unions

(See Union Statement Below)
SACRAMENTO — Over 500 Railway Brotherhood members employed on the Southern Pacific system met here Monday to participate in the strike vote. They voted overwhelmingly for a strike. C. W. Moffitt, general chairman for the brotherhoods on the S.P., explained the strike vote.

LOS ANGELES—Official requests for a 20 per cent wage increase, effective May 1, has been made of the Santa Fe Railroad by Brotherhood representatives. This is part of a national demand.

Their patience snapped after a year of futile conference, 8000 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen have begun taking a strike vote on the Southern Pacific, from Dawson, New Mexico, to Portland, Ore. Results of the vote will be known in 10 days. Even though the authorities will try to halt strike action after that, the actual taking of the first strike vote on a main railroad in over 15 years indicates the seething of unrest among the railroad workers.

Years of Violations
The strike vote came after years of violations of union rights by the Southern Pacific management. The Brotherhood (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Call for McNamara Schmitt Pardon

SAN FRANCISCO—The Machinists' Union, Lodge 68, has passed a resolution calling for an immediate pardon for J. B. McNamara and Matt Schmitt, oldest labor prisoners in the United States.

The crime of McNamara and Schmitt, says the Machinists' resolution, was that of "being devoted leaders of the organized labor movement, and fighting against non-union forces of California." Other union bodies are urged to join in this demand.

Crafts Aiding CIO In Mojave Mines

MOJAVE—The rapid growth of the CIO among the miners of this county was illustrated by the turning out of over 100 men to a mass meeting called by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The union was only recently organized.

Within two weeks over 500 miners are expected to have been signed up. A.H. Farland of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers spoke at the meeting, showing the craft solidarity with the CIO.

Madrid as Fascist dictator has been stopped, as this was written, and even thrown back for a distance. But please observe: The attack was made by Italian troops, between 30,000 and 40,000 of whom were sent to Spain between January 1 of this year and the time that the frontiers were closed to foreign recruits—if they are closed. These men are fully equipped; indeed, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Hear Lawrence Simpson in:

San Diego: Eagles Hall, April 1 (8:30 p.m.) Los Angeles: Trinity Auditorium, April 2 (8 p.m.) San Francisco: Dreamland Auditorium, April 7 (8 p.m.)

ITALY AT WAR WITH SPAIN—DE LOS RIOS

Spanish Ambassador To U. S. Gives Much Proof

WASHINGTON—Italian Fascism is now engaged in a de facto war with Spain, although Spain has not declared war on Italy, according to Fernando de los Rios, Spanish ambassador to the United States.

De los Rios declared that at present there are approximately 80,000 Italian troops in Spain and that the connection between these troops and the Italian government has been conclusively proved. Protests by the Spanish government have been lodged with the French and British governments, he said.

The Proof—In Spain, fighting for the Fascists, de los Rios said, are approximately 80,000 Italians, 20,000 to 25,000 Germans and 20,000 Spaniards and Moors. Pictures at the embassy here show tanks on parade in Munich and the identical tanks in Spanish battle fields.

De los Rios also exhibited a map showing the natural resources of Spain and explained that the materials outlined are what the Fascists are fighting for. In Spain there are antimony, zinc, lead, coal, lignite, mercury, graphite, potash, tin and copper, all useful war materials, which the Fascist nations must have for their war machines.

Asked whether he will ask for an embargo on U. S. munitions to Italy de los Rios said that that was up to American public opinion and the leaders of public opinion.

Summarizing, the ambassador from Spain said that documents found by his government show that Italian troops in direct connection with the Italian government, are fighting the Spanish government, that this situation demands that the Spanish government call the world's attention to the fact, that Spain adheres to the plan of withdrawing from Spain of all foreign fighting forces, on both sides, that the Spanish government cannot consent to blockade of ships flying its flag, and that the Spanish government is now surer than ever of victory because of the army's growing efficiency, the people's support and the marvellous civil discipline which has been created between the autonomous regions and the central government.

Police Graft Tar-Brush in S. F.

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posure when the local Hearst Examiner tried to connect him with a vice raid in 1931 on property owned by the judge's sister. Steiger immediately blasted "the outrageous and unjustified attack upon me in Sunday's Examiner," and had his statements backed up by Police Captain Layne.

Jury Members Attack Judge.—The grand jury members, one of whom was removed last week for having connections with the McDonough graft ring, then came out with charges that Steiger was "seeking the limelight and pushing District Attorney Matthew Brady out of the investigation."

In Rossi's "clean up" campaign, police rounded up a few dozen prostitutes and in at least one instance, their efforts wound up in a humorous parody of law enforcement.

Two officers, Dan Pallas and John Burton, visited 587 O'Farrell St., 337 O'Farrell St., 611½ Post St., 515 Jones St., 716 Broadway, 1046 Kearney St. and 1054 Kearney St., all listed by Atherton as houses of prostitution, and took 24 women into custody.

Just "Visiting Night"—When the women appeared in municipal court, the cops admitted they "just visited" the places and gathered no evidence. "Apparently it was just 'visiting night,'" commented the judge, dismissing the cases.

Pete McDonough, the graft king, was scheduled to appear before the grand jury to "tell all."

GENERAL CLERKS' STRIKE—PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Over half of Providence's 12,000 retail clerks struck, closing 45 stores, leading stores, in an organization drive led by the CIO.

FOUGHT WELL



A SPANISH loyalist militiaman, who with tens of thousands of other Spanish and international anti-Fascist workers drove the Fascist armies far back.

RADIO USED IN ALBERTI DRIVE, IN L. A. POLLS

Gillette of Musicians' Union Speaks for Him

LOS ANGELES—With election date near, H.J. Alberti's campaign for election to the City Council from the 2nd District has attained broad support with prominent progressives, liberals, and trade unionists actively participating in his behalf.

Several enthusiastic and lively meetings have been held in the neighborhoods, and plans for an election eve parade are being mapped out, with application for a permit already made.

Radio Talks—Time has been secured on radio station KMTR for April 2, 4, and 5. On April 2 J. W. Gillette of the Musicians' Union will speak with Alberti. The time is 8 to 8:30 p.m. The same half-hour on April 4 will have John Anson Ford, candidate for Mayor, as guest speaker, although he is not running on Alberti's slate. On Monday, the 5th, Alberti alone will speak on the same station from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Response in the precincts to the campaign has been "fine," according to campaign leaders. "The people in the district seem inclined to a change; and when Alberti's material is presented to them, they respond in a favorable manner."

S.F. Labor and Spains' Struggle

(Continued from Page 1) they are reported to have an unusual amount of mechanical equipment. They are soldiers from the Italian army; and it has been said that the Germans and Italians serving with Franco in Spain are mostly conscripts for that service, and are not volunteers.

The unshaken courage shown by the undisciplined Spanish Loyalists has been marvelous. George Selles, in a series of special articles, gives one reason. He heard the soldiers in the trenches say:

"We have made Spain a democracy. We have had our revolution, and we have ended the Fascist regime. We are willing to die to save our democracy."

Army Terrorizing Puerto Ricans

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—National Guard and army forces were held in readiness here to attack the population, as a rumor was circulated that Pedro Compos, National Party president, was to be transferred from San Juan to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Nationalist sentiments of the Puerto Rican people have been running high since police attacked a demonstration March 21 at Ponce, and demonstrations in protest against the police action were banned by the insular police. Fifteen persons were killed and 58 injured as a result of the police attack.

Camos and eight other leaders of the Nationalist Party were jailed last July on charges of "conspiracy" to overthrow the government of the United States in Puerto Rico.

MOBILIZATION BILL HIT AS FASCIST IDEA

Exposed As Plan To Facilitate War Slaughter

WASHINGTON—The Hill-Sheppard Bill, "despite revisions and changes from previously introduced bills, harks back to the Industrial Mobilization Plans of 1933 and 1936, which set up machinery for a military Fascist dictatorship," Louise Bransten, a member of the national executive committee of the American League Against War and Fascism, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee here.

"Blueprint for Fascism"—Miss Bransten spoke at a Senate Committee hearing on behalf of the 1,195,000 who were represented at the Eastern Seaboard Conference which was conducted by the American League in Washington.

The Conference was unanimous in its condemnation of the bill after hearing addresses on the subject by Senator Gerald P. Nye, Rose M. Stein, author of "M-day," Rep. John N. Coffee and others. She presented to the Senate Committee a copy of the pamphlet, "A Blueprint for Fascism: An Analysis of the Industrial Mobilization Plan," which was published by the American League, for the insertion in the record of the proceedings.

"In turning to the Bill," Miss Bransten told the committee, "it is noted that the expressed purposes as outlined in the preamble are fourfold. First, 'to prevent profiteering in time of war'; second, 'to equalize the burdens of war'; third, 'to provide for the national defense'; and fourth, 'to promote peace.' The last two provisions are supposedly the beneficent results of the first two. It is my profound and sincere belief," Miss Bransten said, "that none of these intended purposes are promoted by the Bill."

"On the contrary, an analysis of this Bill convinces us that its effects can only be opposite to those intended: far from preventing war profiteering in time of war, it only serves to encourage war industries to greater efforts in time of peace; instead of equalizing the burden of war, it shifts the burden on the masses of the people; it uses 'national defense' only as an excuse to prepare the ground for a dictatorship and thus threaten our democratic institutions; and least of all can it be said to 'promote peace,' for, in addition to stimulating war industries in time of peace, it completely evades the real cause of war, ignoring the really effective weapons for peace, and creates at the same time a false impression of being a tool for peace."

Pedro Fishermen Balk at Tax

LOS ANGELES—Refusing to take a cut in profits, fishing boat owners in San Pedro and San Diego have threatened to shut down activity unless the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union continues to pay \$50 tax per ton of fish caught in Mexican waters.

In an ultimatum delivered to the union, the Fishermen's Cooperative Association declared that unless the union rescinds a recent ruling refusing to contribute to payment of Lindsay Potts, Los Angeles Harbor fish broker, for procurement of fishing rights in Mexican waters, it would start a shut-down strike.

According to the union decision, the ruling is to go into effect April 1st. Practice of the owners' association has been to tax the fishermen in order to help pay Potts the fee which they claim is "for legislative and other services rendered in securing for United States' fishing rights in Mexican waters."

Sonoma County In Anti-Picket Law

SANTA ROSA—To prevent agricultural workers from organizing and obtaining better conditions, Sonoma County supervisors have passed an anti-picket law covering all unincorporated areas.

The supervisors voted 3 to 2 for the law, which was requested by Suisun Valley growers.

LEONARD JONES HITS FASCIST TEACHINGS, L.A.

Candidate for Board Of Education Has Good Program

LOS ANGELES—Unalterably opposed to Fascist teachings in the city schools, Leonard R. Jones, candidate in the municipal elections for the Board of Education, has put forth a program designed to insure the greatest possible amount of democracy and individual freedom in the school system.

Progressive Endorsements—With his campaign headquarters at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard, Jones, a member of the Office Workers' Union, has received the endorsement of many liberal and progressive organizations, including the End Poverty League, the Municipal League, the United Youth Campaign Council, and the Continuation Committee for United Political Action.

Dedicating himself, in plank No. 1 of his program, to the guarantee of "full academic freedom for teachers and students," Jones declared, in an interview with a Western Worker correspondent, that such a guarantee would ensure "full political freedom on school grounds."

In the same way, he pointed out, it would give to teachers the opportunity to combat vicious Fascist tendencies by showing to students the real facts about Fascism—the menace it presents to democracy and culture. And at the same time, he said, he would do all in his power to prevent the injection of Fascism into classes.

Active Unionist

Active in the organized labor movement as a member of the Office Workers' Union, Jones declared his whole-hearted support of the Teachers' Union, the Classroom Teachers' Federation, and has included in his program a pledge to fight for "bona fide collective bargaining provisions to be included in all construction contracts."

Condemning the "high prices in school cafeterias" and the low quality of food, Jones said that too often the cafeterias are considered as a means of "raising money" rather than of providing good food for the school children.

For students of needy parents, Jones pledges himself to work for "free and adequate lunches for undernourished children." Asked how funds were to be raised for such a provision, he replied: "We'll get them some way."

Great CIO Victory, Columbia Steel

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United Automobile Workers Union is receiving good response to its call for a conference on April 11, for the Bay Area, to discuss ways and means of maintaining unity of the labor movement. The conference will be held at 10 a.m., at 149 Mason Street, San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES—Following the methods of William Green in attacking the great CIO victory in the steel industry, Secretary Buzzell of the Los Angeles Labor Council has come out with a similar attack on the victory in Douglas Aircraft, which was won by the CIO United Automobile Workers Union.

Even though the union won recognition, which the AFL crafts under Buzzell could never do, Buzzell attacked the strike and its settlement. Buzzell, in his attack published in the Los Angeles Citizen, organ of the Labor Council, reprints a telegram from William Green which calls on Buzzell to protest the auto union being granted sole bargaining agent through Labor Relations Board hearings.

ST. LOUIS—The Structural Iron Workers' Union, a dying craft international, has announced that it will enter the steel plants throughout the country in opposition to the CIO Amalgamated steel union.

This is an outright attempt at dual unionism and strike-breaking, for the Amalgamated has won recognition in most steel plants. The craft union move is being made at William Green's orders.

Rio Vista Chamber Hints Vigilantism

RIO VISTA, Solano County—The Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce, has moved to organize vigilante activities against Solano County agricultural workers. Realizing that wages are unreasonably low, the Chamber fears strikes in the Delta area, and held a special meeting to discuss "preparation for these emergencies."

The Chamber talked of "cooperation between growers, business men and the officers of Solano County"—the meaning of which is clear.

SP Strike Vote Reveals Seething

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of Railway Engineers and the Conductors have also suffered from violations, but their officials have reneged on the two other members of the "Big Four" and have refused to sanction a strike vote.

The strike vote also affects the Northwestern Pacific system. Violations practiced against the men include chiseling on rates of pay, and working conditions, and refusal by the S. P. to allow the brotherhoods' representatives to represent the men in handling grievances.

Despite the fact that these have been occurring for more than a year, the paralyzing Railway Labor Act set-up forced the brotherhood members to continue working under the grievances, while fruitless conferences took place with the management.

When the management refused to come off its high horse, the services of the National Railway Mediation Board were invoked, and further conferences were conducted by Mediator P. A. Donoghue, starting Jan. 29, 1937.

Still the Southern Pacific remained arrogant. While the railroad workers became more and more restless under repeated violations by the company, conferences were transferred to the Railway Labor Board in Washington, and these too got nowhere.

Officials of the two powerful brotherhoods expressed certainty that the membership would vote overwhelmingly to strike, but even then the hog-tying Railway Labor Act set-up can prevent the men from carrying out their will, for under the President of the United States is empowered to appoint a special board to investigate the situation—which has been under investigation for over a year already.

Then, after an investigation, the President could appoint a special arbitration commission which could stay the workers' hands for another 60 days.

Such is the compulsory arbitration set-up under the National Railway Labor Act. Ship-owners and reactionary Senators are attempting to put the same set-up over in the maritime industry, through the Guffey Ship Labor Bill, which maritime unions are fighting strenuously.

"9 Old Men" Yield To Mass Pressure

WASHINGTON—The "nine old men" of the Supreme Court weakened under impact of mass pressure of the people against their reactionary decisions, and executed an about-face on two laws that came before them last Monday.

The court held the Washington state law establishing a minimum wage for women to be constitutional, although only a few months ago it nullified a similar law of New York state. The Frazier-Lemke farm-mortgage moratorium act was also declared constitutional.

The Supreme Court upheld one reactionary measure, the Railway Labor Act of 1926, which forces compulsory arbitration on the railroad unions.

DEPORTATION ATTEMPT—TORONTO—Five striking members of the Hodcarriers' Union here are arrested and facing deportation because of their union activity.

CEREAL STRIKE WON—OMAHA, Neb.—A strike of 300 Millier Cereal workers ended after one hour, with a 2½ cents an hour wage increase won.

Do your part to fulfill the WESTERN WORKER drive for \$12,000.

SOLONS FIND 'NO FUNDS' ON CAL. PENSIONS

Plan To Kill Bill Increasing Amount Is Exposed

SACRAMENTO—To all intents and purposes the state legislature has killed the Pelletier Bill which would increase monthly pension payments from \$35 to \$50 a month and which would lower the eligibility age from 65 to 60.

No Direct Vote—A strong employers' lobby was behind the move to kill. No direct vote was allowed in the Assembly on the bill, Speaker William Mosley Jones sending it to the ways and means committee, which makes no secret of its plans to kill the bill.

The fact that the budget has not yet been passed was used as an excuse against the pension bill by Assembly ways and means chairman Robertson. "No funds" for needy aged was another reactionary excuse.

Santa Monica Law Violated Pledge

(Continued from Page 1) the anti-picketing ordinance was jammed through without the Central Labor Council even being notified, so that representatives of labor could be heard.

Exposed as Betrayer

Gillette indicated his traitorous role a week ago when he blocked Douglas Aircraft workers from using municipal buildings for a CIO mass meeting and the reported remark that he intended "to end union meetings in Santa Monica," but he stamped himself indelibly as an unprincipled lackey of reactionaries when he successfully convinced to rob labor of one of its most useful means to gain a decent wage from uncompromising employers.

If further proof were needed that Gillette is a charlatan of the lowest order, it was provided when 23 delegates, representing 5,000 union men and composed of 17 AFL locals, 1 CIO local, 1 representative of the Modern Forum, and 4 from the International Labor Defense, exposed him in his own office as a betrayer of the very section of the population that put him in office.

Calling on Gillette the day the ordinance was passed, the delegation, protesting the action and demanding its repeal, wrung the admission from him that he had based his decision on passing the ordinance on rumors to the effect that there would be ten picket lines in Santa Monica unless there was a law against picketing.

"If you had seen the bunch that was in here yesterday you would have appreciated the pressure that was put on the council," Gillette whined.

In spite of the completely peaceful picket line during the Douglas strike, Gillette attempted to defend his betrayal on "what might have happened."

When it was pointed out to him that picket lines had always been orderly in Santa Monica and that all pickets received such instructions, Gillette admitted this.

"I never had trouble with them," he said. Confronted by the militant declaration that the M. and M. had been influential in the passing of the ordinance, Gillette admitted this was true when he said: "I grant you that. . . But it didn't start with the M. and M."

When the militant delegation finally demanded that the anti-picketing ordinance be tabled, Gillette was forced to concede the possibility of modifying it, though at the same time his attitude was antagonistic.

Meanwhile, organized labor and its sympathizers were planning a mass demonstration at City Hall in protest against the vicious, anti-labor action of Mayor Gillette and the City Council.

WIN HOTEL SITDOWN—OMAHA, Neb.—Six housemen and the receiving clerk won a 90-minute sitdown strike in the Hotel Logan here. They won wage increases.

WIN RUBBER STRIKE—OMAHA—Riekes Tire Co. workers here won a sitdown strike, gaining a wage increase of \$1 a week.

25 Years Ago—1912

APRIL 1—INDIANAPOLIS—Out on strike for seven-hour day, 400,000 United Mine Workers celebrated anniversary of winning eight-hour day.
CAIRO, Ill.—Mississippi flood breaks all previous records.

APRIL 2—SAN DIEGO—Police brutally attacked an I. W. W. demonstration on 4th St.
SAN FRANCISCO—Five members of Boilermakers' Union injured in explosion on Rose City in dry dock at Hunters' Point.

SEATTLE—Dr. E. Titus, of Socialist Party, charged with "conspiring against liberty of citizens" because he spoke to lumber mill strikers at Gray's Harbor.

APRIL 3—MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Devees collapse in record Mississippi flood.
LONG BEACH—Galbraith P. Rodgers, first man to cross U. S. in airplane, killed in crash of B. Wright biplane here.

1000 in S.F. Hear Malraux on Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—Urgent need to aid the democratic government of Spain to fight off Fascism, by raising funds to send anesthetics, x-ray plates and other medical supplies to Spain, and to send technically equipped Americans to Spain in order to release Spanish workers from factories for active duty at the front, was stressed by Andre Malraux, famous French writer, at a mass meeting here last Saturday night.

\$50 for Spain Aid—Approximately 1000 persons heard Malraux, who was recently shot down by Italian planes while commanding a government bomber in Spain, and contributed more than \$550 at the meeting, which was held under auspices of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spain.

A Spanish worker, whose son has just been killed fighting on the Madrid front, also spoke. Kaspar Bauer, international organizer of the Butchers' Union, spoke in taking up the collection.

Unity in Spain—In an interview with a Western Worker representative, Malraux stated that the chief events of political importance in Spain are those achieving unity among the political parties.

He said that the United Socialist Youth, which was created last year by the young Socialists and Young Communists, has now 250,000 members.

Asked about American pilots in Spain, he said that the first Americans to fly for the Spanish government were "mercenaries, absolute good-for-nothings." Later, he said, came the volunteers "who are very good and very courageous."

S.F. Union Has No Part in 7c Fare

SAN FRANCISCO—"We have absolutely nothing to do with it," declared President Scott, Carmen's Union 1004, to a Western Worker representative, on announcement by the Market St. Railway Co. that it would seek permission for a seven-cent fare in San Francisco.

The railway said it would ask the increase "so that it may have funds to pay the higher wages and the expense of better working conditions granted on March 14."

Union for Municipal Ownership—Scott referred the Western Worker agent to Henry Manlico, of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau, who stated:

"We have no interest in the matter whatsoever. We got our wages, hours and working conditions as best we could. The Market St. Railway can't compete with the Municipal Railway with its fares 40 per cent higher. The only answer is consolidation under municipal ownership—that is the union's position. The Market St. Railway is standing in the way of good service to the public."

5000 Lumberjacks Favor a Strike

SEATTLE—A vote taken among 5000 members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union turned out in favor of a strike unless employers grant a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase demanded by the union. The employees rejected a 7½ cents an hour compromise offered by the employers.

The strike may tie up the entire northwest lumber industry and reach into California.

BILL IS AIMED AT WORKING WOMEN IN CAL.

Would Pave Way To Barring Married Women From Jobs

SACRAMENTO—Labor should bitterly oppose a bill by Assemblyman Heisinger of Fresno County, which is discriminatory against working women.

The Heisinger Bill would forbid the employment by the State or its political subdivisions of any married women whose husbands earn \$1500 or more a year. The government subsistence wage is much above \$1500.

Should the bill be passed for state employees, a precedent would be set for all industries.

Green Vs. Whitney On Sitdown Strike

WASHINGTON—William Green and the open shop National Association of Manufacturers have attacked sitdown strikes at the same time.

In the eyes of organized labor members, this does not seem like mere coincidence.

Green, last Sunday night, aligned himself with the open shoppers and with injunction-issuing judges, and condemned sitdown strikes as "illegal." (Dean Landis of Harvard Law School, New York Supreme Court Judge Pecora, and now Senator Robinson have stated that nothing illegal could be found about sitdown strikes.)

At the same time Green made his attack the National Association of Manufacturers issued its long analysis attempting to prove sitdowns illegal.

Simultaneously, A. J. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, blasted President Emmitt Lowell of Harvard for the latter's attack on sitdown strikes.

Whitney, in a wire to President Roosevelt, called Lowell a reactionary "who falsifies when he declares sitdown strikes have involved 'violence and threatened bloodshed.' Those are the very things strikes avoid. They give labor opportunity peacefully to enforce a right that law and public opinion recognize."

Thomas Sabotages Fight on Court

CHICAGO—Norman Thomas, national chairman of the Socialist Party, damned with faint praise the President's plan to curb the Supreme Court in a speech last Saturday at the national convention of the Socialist Party.

Speaking on the plan, which is backed by the entire organized labor movement as an immediate vital necessity, Thomas said:

"If I were a member of Congress, I should vote yes on the President's proposal with a genuine feeling of regret that he raised the constitutional issue at this late date in this form and with a lively insistence that the issue cannot be properly settled without a constitutional amendment."

Thomas, in effect, sabotaged the aggressive fight of labor and progressive forces to place immediate curb on the autocratic Supreme Court.

Exposition Gag Bilks Taxpayers

LOS ANGELES—Because local capitalists want a permanent trade exposition to bring more shekels into their money bags, the City Council has voted to place on the May 4 election ballot a charter amendment giving the Department of Water and Power authority to buy a \$1,242,000 site for the exposition and to lease it to a non-profit exposition corporation.

If for no other reason than that all the crooked politicians in the city are backing the deal, the whole business offers little prospect of improving the conditions of thousands of workers in the city.

Rather than improve conditions, the exposition which is to "result in an ever-expanding market for Los Angeles manufactured products," according to Doctor John Haynes of the water and power board, will cost the taxpayers of this city millions of dollars before it is over.

NYE ATTACKS ITALY, CALLS FOR EMBARGO

Charges Violation of
Neutrality by War
Against Spain

WASHINGTON—Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota proposed in the Senate that the U.S. government ban arms shipments to Italy and other governments, charging that they are involved in active warfare in Spain.

His action followed that of a group of progressive representatives headed by John T. Bernard of Minnesota, who previously had introduced a formal resolution in the House, proposing a similar ban and citing not only Italy, but Germany and Portugal as actively conducting war against Spain.

Hull Queried
Nye asked the senate to call on Secretary Hull for an opinion as to whether existing law would permit such action against Italy.

Proponent for the existing ostrich-like attitude of the United States toward flagrant Fascist violations of neutrality, Chairman Key Pittman of the Senate foreign relations committee opposed Nye with the declaration that there is not "the slightest evidence that Italy as a government has been taking part" in the Spanish conflict.

Pittman complained that "if the state department should support the contention that arms are being transhipped from Italy, Premier Mussolini would consider such a charge provocative and insulting and the cause of peace would not be served."

6 Unions Get Wage Raise in Stockton

STOCKTON—Six of twelve Stockton building crafts have won wage increases in new agreements.

They are the sheet metal workers, mixer operators, plumbers, roofers, roofer foremen and roofer kettlemen.

The Bakery Wagon Drivers were planning to start picketing Monday if they could not get a \$45 minimum wage is granted.

Irish Committee Will Aid Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—An Irish Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy has been formed in San Francisco, with plans now in formation for an entertainment and dance in the early part of April for the benefit of the defenders of democracy in Spain.

An entertainment committee, composed of John O'Donnell, William Doyle, Thomas Conway, Vernon Healy and James O'Brien is at work on arrangements. "When Ireland was struggling to free herself during the terrible Black and Tan years of 1919-22 the Irish people appealed to all races for help," said a spokesman of the committee. "The situation in Spain affords an opportunity for the Irish people to repay some of the great help and sympathy that was extended to them in the past."

Farmers in Oregon Fight for Unions

SALEM, Ore.—Farmers and the unions fighting shoulder to shoulder!

The Oregon State Grange has joined with the trade union movement to defeat bills before the legislature which would legalize strikes, force unions to register under the state corporation act, and give the governor full power to control strikes.

The state labor federation is backing a bill, similar to California's "Little Wagner Bill," barring company unions, guaranteeing the right to organize and to collective bargaining.

Sacto. Open Shop Elements Howl About Sitdowns

SACRAMENTO—Because the sit-down strike has proven such an effective weapon for workers, Sacramento open-shoppers are howling about it—even though the sit-downs haven't yet hit this city.

Sacramento Exchange Club has adopted a resolution against sit-down strikes. The poor owners, the resolution says, are deprived of their property by the sit-downs.

SF Labor Says They Fought Heroically



HERE ARE Spanish Loyalist militiamen, whom the San Francisco Labor Council's "Labor Clarion" praises for their heroic fight against Fascism (Story on Page 1)

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

We discovered that many of the small farmers in California were former union men. We found several old-timers from the Railway Brotherhoods who helped out a lot with fruit and vegetables.

In these days of strike kitchens and recreation halls, the often so well taken care of it is a little hard to understand all the difficulties that the committees had to overcome in the early strike periods.

There was not so much confidence by the committees then in the rank and file of the members as there is now. What those strike committees did then, however, deserves much praise. Their successes and failures were lessons for us today.

From recent contact with railway men and other organizations, it is noticeable that they, like other industrial groups, are getting more and more into the ideas of industrial unionism. They take quite an active part in political action. And the time will come when all the Brotherhoods, including the "Big Four," will unite and fight together for full rights for all the toilers.

In 1921 and '22 an urgent call came from the Soviet Union for food, clothing and medicine. Four million people died during that terrible famine. Invasion by outside countries had done its terrible work and, added to this dread war terror came a widespread drought.

The Russian Red Cross sent a representative to this country, and under his direction, a group of us worked in Los Angeles and up the San Joaquin Valley, gathering raisins, dried prunes, peaches and other products. We also secured two hundred tons of clothing. A good many bales of cotton were sent to the Los Angeles Russian Molokan Colony from Arizona. Tons of shoes were secured and repaired.

The method of securing these products is best illustrated by the drive we made for raisins to send to the hospitals. I was elected field secretary and went up the Valley. Raisins were thirteen cents a pound wholesale. My first act was to secure the cooperation of raisin growers who were Socialists and had been "Oakland World" readers. We went from ranch to ranch and asked for fifty to a hundred pounds of raisins or other dried fruit. We had the Raisin Growers' Association for his or her contribution.

We also contacted Jewish friends who in turn organized famine relief committees for the towns like Fresno, for instance. I went out a couple of days with the wife of Friend Lieberman, and she secured clothing, shoes, etc., from merchants, which we estimated to be worth at least \$1100.00.

The Russian Section group near Fresno did splendid work in raising money and provisions. The most outstanding work done was by the Menonites. They teamed up on the farmers for both money and supplies. Two carloads of boys and girls went to each farm and let it be known what they were after. Well, they got tons of supplies and money for farm machinery, sending most of it direct to the relief committee in the Soviet Union.

My work on that tour resulted in the raisin growers sending, through their association, directly to the wharf in San Pedro, five tons of raisins, two tons of dried peaches and one ton of prunes. Quite a nice sum was added to the \$15,000 our general committee raised in cash for medicine, etc.

Labor Aid to Russia
Organized Labor helped. My one contact on this part of the work was with the Unions and their cooperative society in San Bernardino. They raised the question with Mrs. Cavinok, a splendid worker for the committee, and myself, as to assurance that their contribution would get to the famine-

URGE HINDU BE GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

In House Resolution;
Reactionaries In
Attack on Move

SACRAMENTO—Reactionaries combined in the California Joint Immigration Committee have attacked a resolution, recommended favorably to the assembly, which would permit citizenship to Dr. M. Kellogg, a Hindu.

The assembly immigration committee recommended the resolution because it looked on Dr. Mookerjee as "an outstanding native of India who demonstrated he has the ability and personality to render him of some value as a citizen."

The Joint Committee, which represents the three state bodies of the American Legion (but not their membership), the Native Sons of the Golden West, and the State Federation of Labor (and most certainly not its membership), has written a letter attacking the move, to the senate immigration committee.

Italian Prisoners Glad of Capture, Reveal Discontent

VALENCIA—War correspondents and government officials agree that the Italian defeat on the Guadalajara front is the most significant military event in the entire war in Spain, and likely to be its decisive turning point. The experience is having a tremendous effect on the morale of loyalist troops. Cartoons in the press display Mussolini looking for his soldiers.

Italian prisoners in Madrid a few days ago told me the same story which prisoners now reaching Valencia relate. Many express joy at being captured. They do not want war and were unaware they were coming to Spain. Most of them are simple workers—barbers, butchers, farmers—taken from their homes and forced to join the army. All swear they were mobilized. They say they have no quarrel with the Spanish people and tell of discontent back home.

A friend said to me: "Can we possibly feed all these people?" "Yes," I said, "easily," for about one hour before the toastmaster arose, I learned that it was to be a foodless banquet. One of the committee that had pulled this splendid affair got cold feet and came to ask me if I did not think that at least something should be served. "Gee, No!" I said, "this is great" and it was.

Masonic Journal Upholds Spain

"The New Age," organ of the 32nd degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, bitterly condemns the Fascist attack in Spain in its February issue. It points out "that the Masons in Spain were almost to a man supporting the Spanish government."

"Bitter animosity against the Freemasons," says the magazine, "was exhibited in the wholesale murdering of them by rebel troops whenever they captured a city or town where there was a Masonic lodge or where any Masons resided."

Citing numerous flagrant examples of Fascist atrocities against Masons, the "New Age" article also answers the accusations of Loyalist persecution of religion, asking: "Who is doing the fighting for the government? Spain is 95 per cent Roman Catholic. . . The Republic, young as it was, had proved of so much benefit to the masses of the people that they . . . are fighting for the preservation of the government. The Basques, the most devout of all the Roman Catholics in Spain, a hardy people, have been the best soldiers in the support of the government."

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World Issues GUADALAJARA REVEALED THE FEET OF CLAY

'Tomb of Fascism'
Becoming More
Apparent

General Joseph Miaja, Loyalist commander on the Central Front who engineered the great victory at Guadalajara, is quoted as saying:

"The Italians have nothing against us; therefore they have no spirit. Do you know that one Italian prisoner told me he would rather be a prisoner in Madrid than free in Italy?"

It seems to be universally agreed that the Spanish people not only have some direct allies among those who "volunteered" for Mussolini's invasion. Not one, but many, have been glad to be captured. Still others said they were unaware they were being sent to Spain, that they have no quarrel with the Spanish people.

The Spanish Loyalists have two slogans which might be repeated rather significantly at this point. They say "No Pasaran!" and they say also "Madrid Must Be the Tomb of Fascism!" The Guadalajara victory, certainly, has made it clear to new millions that this slogan refers to more than Fascism in Spain. Fascism as a whole is hell-bent to impale itself on the great central plateau surrounding Madrid.

The struggle at Home Has New Significance

To be sure, one could always point out many examples of the fact that the people of Germany and Italy have never been quiescent in the face of Fascist terror at home. But take into consideration now the fact that Italian troops in the field are becoming increasingly unmanageable, and that the Italian soldiers who died in Spain have relatives at home. Note also that recently in Milan the Fascist police uncovered outlaw radio station, and among those arrested in connection with it were army officers, lawyers and a large number of workers.

This one was caught. How many more were not?

Hitler Has His Hands Full Already
Consider the web with which Hitler is entangled at home.

It might be considered only a straw in the wind that Hitler had to back down completely in his attempt to make the Saar workers employed in France exchange their French earnings for depreciated Reichmarks at arbitrary exchange rates. It is a more significant straw that the United Front Committee in the Saar is issuing broad appeals to denounce his use of prison labor there.

Hitler had to back down in his latest attempts to the Nazification of the German Protestant church. Now he has an open quarrel with Catholicism on his hands.

Spending Their Energies
Sitting on the Lid
Hitler can send more reinforcements to Spain. So can Mussolini.

But the real weakness of Fascism, the ever present danger of its breaking into a thousand pieces at home, was never more clearly apparent than it has become as a result of its invasion of Spain.

Mussolini might have been able to pick more reliable troops. The fact that he did not indicates how badly he needs them at

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Rains and Cold; No Employment In Canneries

SACRAMENTO—Recent rains and cold weather delayed opening of spinach canneries here. They open up this week.

Employees lose little by this, but the cannery workers lose plenty. The 4000 men and women employed on the "spinach run" simply went without wages during the delay, and will be forced to make up the time lost by intensive speedup.

L. A. Shoe Strike Ends in Victory

LOS ANGELES—Several hundred employees of the C. H. Baker Shoe Co. stores are back at work with a \$5 weekly raise, after several of the stores were struck by the Shoe Clerks' Union.

The minimum wage is now \$30 a week. Working hours are 48 a week with time and a half for overtime.

home. The fact that German troops have not been so numerous in Spain is partly explained by a very considerable proportion of German conservatives, including leading figures in the army itself, being opposed to the Spanish adventure on tactical grounds.

Peace forces the world over are beginning to realize as never before that Fascism is not the monolithic, disciplined, united and uncrackable force it pretends to be. Its feet of clay were never more apparent.

It is another matter however, to hold the illusion that Fascism is certain to be licked next week or the week after.

Such an illusion is quite as harmful and fallacious as the fears of defeatists that the triumphant Fascist march toward Guadalajara was the beginning of the end of Loyalist control of Madrid.

This much can be said. The Spanish adventure of Fascism has revealed its weakness as nothing has ever done before, but at the same time it has increased its desperation and its necessity of a headlong plunge into war as a final way out.

The Spanish adventure has also resulted in rallying the peace forces of the world on a scale heretofore unprecedented.

A Clear Duty
Remains the Same
When Fascism was advancing toward Guadalajara there was a plain and simple and important duty of peace forces everywhere: raise funds, mobilize sentiment, send aid to Spain!

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MME. SUN YAT-SEN APPEALS FOR NAT'L CHINESE DEFENSE AGAINST JAPAN'S AGGRESSION

Says That Japanese Provocations in Sian
Strengthened Chinese Struggle;
Urges Firm Action

SHANGHAI—Again urging united Chinese resistance to Japanese aggression, Mme. Sun Yet-sen, widow of the first president of the Chinese Republic, appealed to the Chinese people in the current issue of the magazine, "Voice of China."

Referring to recent incidents in Sian, she wrote:

"The Japanese provocation in China has led to the strengthening of the anti-Japanese movement."

Appeal to People
Attacking Chinese reactionary leaders who "overestimate the strength of Japanese imperialism and underestimate the strength of the Chinese people," Mme Sun declares: "It is necessary to consider that the Japanese people are also against war."

"The Chinese soldiers have already saved Suiyuan from Japanese invasion, and they will save the whole country. Without a doubt, victory will be on the side of China."

Haven't Learned
Further emphasizing the need for unity, she wrote: "Unfortunately in our government even now some people have not yet understood that all civil war must end for the salvation of the country. How ridiculous nowadays it is to hear the worn-out theory that it is necessary first to crush the Communists, and only then to resist Japanese aggression."

"Must we go to war with a broken arm? . . . Beginning to Realize
"Every Chinese patriot must be overjoyed that, after hard trials, the government is beginning to realize that internal struggle must end for the sake of national salvation, and that all the forces of the country, including the Communists, must be used for guarding the integrity of China."

"Chinese must not fight Chinese. Peace and unity must be preserved in the country. We must rapidly create a national defense of China against foreign aggression."

Joining with the "New 49ers," the Labor Council is raising funds for both causes. Both organizations are jointly sponsoring a card party April 2, 8 p. m., in Labor Temple for the Legislative Conference and the Youth Assembly. Tickets are 35 cents; refreshments will be served.

San Jose Council
Aids Peoples Lobby

SAN JOSE—The Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County doesn't mean it just formally when it endorses movements like the People's Legislative Conference and the California Youth Assembly.

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The Assembly Must Act

AS THE process of launching the Grand Jury investigation into the San Francisco graft mess drags on, it becomes exceedingly obvious that the demand made from the beginning by the Communist Party—for an Assembly Investigating Committee—arises logically out of the entire ugly situation.

Step by step, as developments follow each other, it becomes clear that only such a Committee can actually be relied on to bring all the facts before the public and secure appropriate action.

First, not one member of the Grand Jury responded to an invitation to withdraw if any of his friends or associates are involved in the investigation. Shortly after that, one juror was forced out because his connections were exposed. How many other jurors are still on that body whose connections with graft have not been revealed? The public has no guarantee that the remaining jurors are spotless!

Secondly, District Attorney Brady himself was disqualified because of his indebtedness to Peter McDonough, the "vice-lord" of San Francisco. Then he was again placed in charge, but the question as to his fitness still remains.

None whatever! In fact, developments so far justify a general suspicion of all public officials and prominent figures. Not that they are all dishonest—but how can the public tell?

Thirdly—the local newspaper feud arises, revolving around Presiding Superior Court Judge Steiger's possible connection through his sister's property. We don't profess to know whether Judge Steiger actually is involved. Certainly his anti-labor record makes us no friend of his. But the fact that Judge Steiger's integrity in this investigation is even challenged is the significant thing—and again indicates that the investigation should be taken out of the hands of San Francisco officials!

And through it all, Mayor Rossi—who bears the chief responsibility for conditions in San Francisco—continues his arrogant and blustering regime, throwing out smokecreens of "civic virtue," ordering pointless and stupid "raids" which result in arrests of a number of persons and their prompt dismissal for "lack of evidence!"

Angelo Rossi is through, in the eyes of the vast body of San Francisco citizens. He must go! The people of San Francisco should unite to demand an Assembly Investigating Committee, with no San Francisco Assemblyman on it, to conduct a thorough airing of the graft-ridden municipal departments and city administration!

Lemke Sheds Tears For Reaction

AS THE HEARINGS before the Senate Judiciary Committee continue, the line-up of forces for and against the President's Supreme Court proposals reveal more sharply than ever the fact that the most bitter enemies of the proposals are at the same time the most outspoken and pro-Fascist reactionaries in the country.

The appearance of William Lemke, with his tearful pleas to "forgive the Justices of the Supreme Court their mistakes" and appeals for the defeat of the proposals, serves to illustrate which way the wind blows.

It was Lemke who during the 1936 election campaign acted as the figure-head for the Fascist, Father Coughlin, by heading the so-called Union Party, admittedly organized by Hearst and other reactionaries to help elect Landon, candidate of the Liberty League and Wall Street.

It was from the platform of the Union Party that "Storm-Trooper" Gerald L. K. Smith launched his bitter campaign of invective against organized labor, and called for the formation of storm-troops in American.

Now Lemke and Father Coughlin are again lined up with those ultra-reactionaries who are determined to retain the Supreme Court in its present form as a citadel of reaction.

While these hearings are going on, increased pressure should be brought to bear both on committee members and on other members of both houses. It is especially important that trade unions should pass resolutions supporting the proposed Supreme Court changes and forward them to the Senate Judiciary Committee and to members of Congress.

In San Francisco, all progressives and open-minded people are urged to attend the mass meeting being held at Scottish Rite Auditorium, at which Mayor Dore of Seattle, President John Shelley of the Central Labor Council and others will tell the real issues in the Supreme Court battle.

The Answer To Mussolini's Saber-Rattling

DROPPING THE mask of non-intervention, Mussolini now threatens to plunge the world into war if his refusal to withdraw troops from Spain is brought before the League of Nations. With his usual blustering bravado and accompanied by his familiar sword-rattling, Mussolini openly admits what the world has known for a long time: that no non-intervention agreements, treaties, or League of Nations covenants will stop him from active participation on the side of Franco in the invasion of Spain.

Here, just as obviously as in Ethiopia, Italy is the aggressor nation. She has sent an army estimated at over 100,000 to invade Spain. Here, just as in the case of the rape of Ethiopia, Italy has openly violated Article 16 of the League Covenant, and insists upon continuing that violation, or else—

France should act at once to bring this matter before the League—and, we hope, with speedier and more effective results than in the Ethiopian crisis. The peace of Europe—if one can still speak of "the peace of Europe" with the Fascist invasion of Spain—rests upon the principle of collective security against aggressor nations. Speedy action by the League can still the rattle of Mussolini's saber—and at the same time strike a most effective blow against aggressive Fascism and for democracy, in Spain and throughout the world.

In the case of the invasion of Ethiopia, England took the offensive in the League against Italy, for British imperialism feared Italy's threat in Africa and in the Mediterranean. In the case of Italy's invasion of Spain, England will undoubtedly not be so ready to act. The British ruling class has followed a policy of winking its eye at violations of the non-intervention pact by Italy and Germany. Its sympathies have been with Franco. Obviously England will block efforts at obtaining the application of immediate sanctions against Italy.

In the face of Italy's actions, there is only one thing Franco can do: That's to denounce the fake non-intervention pact and open wide the doors of aid to Spanish democracy, while at the same time fighting to have Italy and Germany denounced as aggressor nations and have economic and military sanctions collectively applied against them.

We Launch A Circulation Drive

ON APRIL FIRST the circulation drive of the Western begins—with the close of the financial year.

You who read the Western Worker regularly, are aware of the tremendously important role it plays in the movement to unite all progressive people in California against reaction, for a higher standard of living, for the protection and extension of the people's rights.

Despite its important role, despite the fact that thousands look to the Western Worker for guidance in their shops, trade unions and other mass organizations—the circulation of the Western Worker is still relatively low.

There are tens of thousands of people in California who would gladly subscribe to the paper which is the voice of the Communist Party, the people's champion of liberty, progress and peace—if the paper were brought to them so they could convince themselves of its progressive trade union policies, its political clarity, its program of the greatest good for the greatest number.

This is the job all Communist Party members and other friends of the Western Worker are going to undertake between April 1st and July 4th: The job of getting these tens of thousands of progressive people enrolled into the Army of Western Worker readers.

It is not a very difficult job. But it requires application. We call upon all our friends to pitch in and help give the Western Worker that mass circulation which alone can guarantee the launching of a daily Western Worker in the future.

American "Butcher Diplomacy"

THE STATE department's action in Puerto Rico follows closely the precedent set by its Ambassador, Jefferson Caffery in Cuba, where the ambassador, acting as a representative of Wall Street, put his official stamp of approval on the reign of terror released by the butcher Batista against the Cuban people.

In Puerto Rico, the insular police, acting with the approval of Governor Winship, mowed down more than fifty people who were demonstrating against the raids on Nationalist headquarters and the arrest of Nationalist leaders. Ten were killed and 58 wounded in this massacre.

This butchery is part of a campaign to suppress the movement of Puerto Ricans for civil liberties—a campaign of suppression initiated and supported by American officials.

Demands have been made for an investigation by Congress into the acts of American officials in Puerto Rico. These demands should be strengthened by letters to President Roosevelt, urging that a Congressional investigation be launched. It was the sugar interests which prompted the massacre, torture and imprisonment of thousands of Cubans; it is these same interests who are following the same policy in Porto Rico.

To the Puerto Ricans—as to the Cubans, the Stars and Stripes have become the bullets and bars.

The Communist Party of Puerto Rico has just concluded its convention—and mapped plans to launch a campaign to build a broad anti-imperialist front against American imperialism in order to win independence and national liberation.

Action to put a halt to American "butcher diplomacy" will be of effective help to the Puerto Rican people in their struggle against oppression and for freedom.

Determined to Build a Powerful CIO Union



A MASS MEETING of Detroit (Hudson and Chrysler) auto workers, under the auspices of the CIO United Automobile Workers' Union, which has brought many of the big auto magnates to their knees.

Developing the Educational Work of the Party

By Sidney Martin

(Educational Director, Hollywood Section)

Our present policy of the United Front, building the Farmer-Labor Party, and entering more fully into the life and needs of the masses complicate all our tasks. More than ever, theoretical clarity is necessary as a guide to action and to an increasingly great extent must our educational material be tied up with our practical tasks.

It is in this light that we seek new ways of bringing in our educationals to the units, of raising the political level of all comrades, and of finding ways and means to increase the time devoted to political discussions in all meetings, unit, section, and county.

Unit Inactive

Our basic educationals will continue as in the past, based on county outlines. On fundamental issues it is essential that there be clarity throughout the party. At the same time it will be valuable for the units to exercise initiative in developing their own educationals.

If we are to properly apply our political line to the concrete tasks, then the Organizational letter itself should be a basis for political discussion. We all recognize the difference in results from mechanical assignments and from assignments whose function and purpose have been thoroughly explained and understood in the unit. Background material for our work, full explanations, and the drawing in of all comrades will make the meetings lively and our work easier.

All comrades want the correct evaluation of the headlines of the day. Regardless of political development all comrades read newspapers and want to discuss their opinions. Often, when we think a comrade is going off the subject he is in reality seeking clarity on current events. This need must be met, and many units have the first fifteen minutes of the educational devoted to topics of the day.

This discussion is valuable for several reasons—comrades who rarely contribute to more formal types of discussion can be drawn in on this basis; we have an opportunity of evaluating which comrades are most alert and react correctly. It is a certain indication as to which comrades read our Western Worker and other literature. We can point out the necessity of our Western Worker in giving us this correct analysis. Assignments on specific topics may be made from week to week, and comrades may make special reports on various items. It is valuable to have a summing up by a developed comrade that no clarity remains at the conclusion of the discussion.

"Party Life Column"

Many comrades have questions which they feel are trivial or for which they believe they should know the answers. Consequently, they rarely raise these questions in the units. However, these are the very questions for which the answers are most necessary. We have tried a form of "Party Life Column" in the unit. Comrades hand in written questions and the answers are given the following week by the educational director. If necessary these questions can be sent to the section, county, or Western Worker.

It is essential that we develop new ways of creating interest about our basic organs, the Communist C.L. and Party Organizer. Simple "must" statements have not proven effective. Yet, if we have reports to the units by several comrades on leading articles in each current issue, if we make it interesting and desirable, then there will be a real basis for increasing the circulation.

We have long recognized that our educationals are often mechanically presented. Firstly, it is important to recognize that our educationals are not classes, they should be political discussions for the guidance of the comrades. A long lecture by an educational director, however capable he be, is always a dull educational. With proper organization, assignments may be made beforehand. A number of comrades may be responsible for portions of the report. Then discussion can be developed about the few necessary introductory remarks.

Various devices have been suggested such as the use of "true and false" questions in the unit. These questions must be carefully framed. It is necessary to avoid a pedantic and superior attitude because some comrades have fewer correct answers than others. The purpose of the method is not to give a grade to a comrade, but to raise questions, discussion, and clarification.

Another that has been tried is the "stooze" method. One comrade takes the opposition, whether it be capitalist, shipowner, fascist, etc. He presents his position forcefully in order to develop our counter-arguments. This is one way of avoiding headnodding and mechanical agreement. The resulting discussion can be very concrete and our comrades can learn the answers necessary to show workers that our analysis is the correct one. There is the danger that the "stooze" will be unskillful, or backward in raising the necessary arguments. Another danger is that undeveloped comrades may not be able to counter the stooze's points, and thus not enter into the discussion at all. This method takes careful preparation and should not be used too often.

The best answer to successful educationals, as in all our work, is adequate preparation, particularly by the unit executive committees. Our organizational and educational work must be integrated so that interesting, live meetings will stimulate the comrades to carry out all tasks enthusiastically. Greater clarity, sure understanding will enable us to lead our trade union brothers and our neighbors against fascism and towards the accomplishment of all our aims.

Hit LA 'Red Scare' ON YOUTH WORK Against Johnson

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A Johnson rally which linked him with the Communist Party and appealed for funds, in the name of the Communist Party, for Johnson's campaign.

Baldly violating Sections 62A and 62B of the Penal Code, the leaflets contained no name or address of the persons responsible for its printing. Requested to take action to apprehend the criminals, City Attorney Chesbro's office pleaded that it had no trained investigators for such cases and District Attorney Buron Pitts' office claimed it had no jurisdiction.

Only candidate opposing Johnson in the election race is the reactionary incumbent Darwin W. Tate.

The leaflets, which Johnson is protesting, read in part, "Grover Johnson will speak . . . together with speakers from the Communist Party. Donations for the cause must be made direct to the Communist Headquarters."

Commenting on the plot to create the impression Grover Johnson has no other support than Communists, he said: "I know what groups oppose my election. If I can find the guilty person or persons who printed this leaflet, I shall institute proceedings as provided by law."

"This leaflet is not the first such action; one of my workers, Sally Egner, was apparently kidnapped on March 4 and has not been seen since."

"As a candidate of the people, and as a Democrat running for office, I can sympathize with President Roosevelt's state of mind when similar tactics were used against him at the last election."

Denying that the Communist Party issued the leaflets, Paul Cline, Organizer of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, declared in an interview with a Western Worker Correspondent:

"It is obvious, from the slant of the circular, that it is intended to play on prejudices. There is every reason to conclude that it emanated from Tate's headquarters since he is Johnson's only opponent, and it fits well with the red-baiting line taken by Tate in his speech."

Asked if he thought that there is any connection between this leaflet and previous organized

attempts on the part of reactionary interests to keep Johnson off the ballot, Cline said: "The extreme measures to which Johnson's opponents went to keep him off the ballot—such as kidnapping—show completely the unprincipled character of this opposition, and that it is ready to resort to any measures or means to block the election of Johnson."

"Frame up" leaflets of this sort have been resorted to by reactionary elements in previous campaigns.

Refuting the implication that Johnson was placed in the election race by the Communist Party, Cline went on to say:

"Johnson's signature collection drive was carried on by progressive minded citizens who are acquainted with Johnson's pro-labor activities and who feel that he will be an effective and worthy representative of the people if elected."

"Of course, Communist Party members, individually, who are residents of the 13th district, have activated themselves in the pre-election work on behalf of Johnson, but they are a minority."

"While Johnson is not a Communist Party member, members of the Communist Party support him because of his record; he is distinctly pro-labor, progressive, and trustworthy."

Forward to a powerful United Youth Movement and a mass Young Communist League.

George Maurer, C. P. Organizer, Lou Eisman, County Sec. YCL.

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That Party units, branches and fractions . . . work especially to get delegates from organizations to attend the hearings on the California Youth Act in Sacramento on Friday morning, March 9.

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EDUCATION FOR LEADERSHIP

By J. J. DALE, Alameda County Education Commission
The growth of our Party in forces and in prestige has raised the ever-present question of our educational work in a new and more exacting form. Our task is nothing less than to steer a population, which is already beginning to move against capitalist reaction toward Socialism.

Now, as never before, we must prepare our whole party—and this means, when you come right down to it—our individual Party members, to become strong and effective instruments of revolutionary propaganda and agitation as well as of revolutionary action.

We must make of every Communist a capable and confident center of Marxist ideas, able on his own initiative to explain events, to analyze the situation in which he finds himself, and to propose practical lines of action for himself and his fellow-workers. This merely defines the problem. Its solution in practice depends upon planned work, particularly by comrades assigned to the educational apparatus, but fundamentally by every member of the Party.

Communist Scouts

We must organize and multiply the number of our comrades who are conscious propagandists both within the Party and among the masses. We must make regular and systematic use of our best comrades as educators and as scouts to seek out and develop by personal work the good, new people in our units who will be the propagandists of the future. We must give to certain comrades who are doing important mass work a systematic and intensive Marxist education.

We must provide study of special phases of Marxism both for our Party comrades and non-Party workers. Classes ranging from an elementary and popular presentation of the Party's program to advanced political economy must be organized, including trade unionism, Leninist politics and current events classes. The educational activities in our units and branches must be improved and made realistic. This can be done by a conscious and persistent linking up of educationals with the day-to-day work of the Party organization.

The orientation of our new members faces us as a basic and very disturbing problem. We have worked out a program of new members' unit activities which gives the recruits the basic information about the Party, and actual experience of organized unit life. We have lined up the leading comrades as teachers and organizers. The results? Some few have been given some preliminary training. The rest have either gone directly into existing units, or have not been organized into any Party group.

When Job Really Begins

We are faced with a problem which cannot be solved directly by top committees. Every Party member must realize that his responsibility for a recruit begins rather than ends when he signs him up. No comrade should be credited with a recruit until the new member has completed his work in a new member's unit and been actually brought into one of the regular units or

branches. Every Party member must come to regard neglect of new members as a crime against the Party, for it strikes at the root of the Party's strength.

Marxist-Leninist education consists of experience—your own, supplemented and interpreted by the experience of the working class of the world. Our educational task, therefore, is to bring theory to active Communists who will go out and apply it, and to enlist every resource of our Party to treat our new members right, and to give them the all-important preliminary training.

Why Brotherhoods Take Strike Vote

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representatives of the organizations to represent their members in the handling of grievances, as specifically provided in existing agreements between the management and the organizations, and the Railway Labor Act.

"In an effort to amicably dispose of controversies between the management and these two organizations, Vice-President C. V. McLaughlin of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and organizations, Vice-President C. H. Smith of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have, in conjunction with the officers of the committees, conducted conferences with the management over a period of more than year.

"Services of the National Mediation Board were invoked and Mediator P. A. Donoghue was assigned and started conferences with the management and the organizations Jan. 29, 1937. However, he being unable to reach satisfactory disposition of the matter, the Mediation Board transferred the conferences from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., and, at the request of that board, representatives of the carrier, and the organizations' chief executives (including vice-presidents and general chairmen) went to Washington and met with the entire personnel of the board and Mediator Donoghue from March 9 to 18, inclusive.

"The board was unable to bring about satisfactory disposition of the controversies, in view of which Presidents D. B. Robertson of the firemen's organization and A. F. Whitney of the trainmen's organization gave their approval to submit the controversies to the membership of the two organizations by strike ballot, in accordance with the laws of the respective organizations. The general committees of the brotherhoods involved had previously met and directed their representatives to refer the entire matter to their respective memberships by strike ballot if satisfactory settlement could not be obtained."

Answering a false charge by the Southern Pacific, the following reply was made jointly by C. V. McLaughlin, vice-president of the Firemen and Enginemen, and C. H. Smith, vice-president of the Trainmen:

"The statement of Mr. J. H. Dyer, vice-president in charge of operations of the Southern Pacific Co. that 'the dispute has arisen primarily out of failure on the part of train service brotherhoods to agree upon jurisdictional matters' is not correct. Mr. Dyer's statement is misleading in that he indicates that the only questions involved are jurisdictional."

"The jurisdictional dispute was brought about by the carrier secretly negotiating agreements with other organizations which have been interpreted as 'closed shop' agreements by the organizations with which they were negotiated and for which the carrier representatives have apologized and alleged they were not intended as 'closed shop' agreements, but have not arranged to cancel these agreements, notwithstanding the fact they have set aside contractual agreements with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in violation of the Railway Labor Act, all of which is confirmed by the chairman of the national mediation board in a letter dated March 20, 1937, addressed to Mr. Dyer and the organization representatives."

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FOR DEFENSE OF "SEKKI", THE JAPANESE PARTY ORGAN

LOS ANGELES—Following is a list of contributions received to date for the defense of "Sekki" ("Red Flag"), central organ of the Communist Party of Japan.

Additional contributions should be sent in care of James Dan, 230 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles. They will be acknowledged in the Western Worker.

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J. 3.00
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M. 3.00
Y. 3.00

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Alaska Cannery Workers Will Sail Soon—Lumber Co. Stooze Is Bared As CCC Slave-Driver

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Machinist Gets Into Prize Contest—Pay Increases Won By Banning Tunnel Workers

United Action Is Achieved in Councilmanic Race in L. A.

SEATTLE UNION HEAD TALKS TO S. F. CANNERS

Espe Praises Alaska Cannery Workers' Local of S.F.

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Brother Conrad Espe, business agent of the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers' Union and a member of the Maritime District Council No. 1 of Seattle, Wash., has been a visitor in S. F. this past week. There was a special meeting called in his honor by the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union here.

Brother Espe commended the advances made by the S. F. local, stating that the workers have been steeped in struggle and that many of the men have been involved in agricultural and labor organization, extending over a long period of time.

Praises California Workers
The workers of California have a very militant and enviable labor record," he said. "Despite unprecedented terror directed against them in an effort to break their fighting spirit, the bosses' efforts have been futile."

"I know that the workers here will go on to more glorious victories, in order to advance the standard of living, the highest of wages and conditions of work for the most exploited of all—the cannery and agricultural workers."

In regard to the cannery workers, Espe said:

Fight to Win in Seattle
"In Seattle we have the same fight on our hands today that your local faced last year. Our fight there is centered around the elimination of the 'head hunters' (contractors) and for the eight hour day."

"In short, we are presenting the same identical agreement worked out jointly by the S. F. and Seattle locals when your president and business agent, George Woolf, was in Seattle last fall. This joint agreement was worked out because our interests are identical, and we had to join forces for our mutual protection."

"In Washington, the agricultural workers have not carried on large scale, decisive struggles like the California workers. They lack the experience and enthusiasm that prevails among the cannery and agricultural workers here."

Seattle Local Goes Forward
"Despite this handicap, the Cannery and Farm Laborers' Union, with the backing of all organized labor in the state of Washington, working in close co-operation with the San Francisco local, will go forward, building not only a union but a union that will be a credit to the organized labor movement."

He was given a thunderous applause at the end of his very interesting talk. Brother Woolf thanked him in behalf of the organization, and stated that while in Seattle he was made an honorary member of the local there and thought we could so honor Brother Espe. A motion was made to that effect, and the vote was unanimous.

Four S.F. Unions Get Hiring Halls

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Amongst the unions that have recently established dispatching halls to control hiring, are the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, the Cannery Workers Union, the Sheet Metal and Stamp Workers Union and the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Union on the waterfront. These unions established hiring halls about the middle of March.

China Peasants Face Troop Guns

HANKOW, China—Extent of the starvation in the interior of China was indicated by reliable reports here that soldiers of a provincial army had fired on 800 hungry peasants who raided rice boats at Chungking, Szechwan Province.

The hungry crowd, many of whom were killed, stormed and destroyed a magistrate's office.

Alaskan Ships to Sail Soon

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—The Cannery Workers' officers are being besieged by hundreds of men, as the Alaska cannery season draws near. In all probability the first ship of the Alaskan fleet will clear out in 10 or 12 days hence, if we are to gauge this season's inauguration by the past.

600 to Ship Soon

The first ship will have about 800 men aboard. Of this number, 300 will be cannery workers while the remaining 500 will be representative of about 15 other unions involved in the cannery industry directly or indirectly. They will be gone about five months, returning late in August. There is a lull of about one month till the main body of men go north.

These men will be covered by provisions of the signed agreement. The signed agreement is dispatched to them at their respective plants.

The enormous work involved getting out 2000 men to sea in a short period of time will fall on the shoulders of George Woolf, Berolla, and Lyons. The functioning committees, investigating, policy, executive, etc., will be disbanded till they return from Alaska.

Phoney Contractors Whipped

Seems as though the phoney contractors are making another attempt to regain their strangle hold on the cannery industries, but their attempt is doomed to fail.

It is safe to say this, due to the fact that the men have had one year of unionism and all of the benefits derived from organization.

These facts cannot be argued away very easily. Barring a dozen or so of the declassified elements who lost their easy graft through organization, there are none who wish to return to 17th Century conditions of work. The trend is to go forward.

Snohomish WPA Strike 100%

By a Relief Worker

HATFORD, Wash.—Am sending in some news of a WPA strike here in Snohomish County. Every job in the county has been closed for almost 2 weeks. The Workers' Alliance is conducting the strike and it is 100 percent effective.

There are some efforts to start a company union—that consists of the straw bosses and a few stump ranchers that need a lot of education in the way of unionism. They don't realize that they are doing the dirty work for Don Abel and his clique.

Anyway there isn't a job working in the county. There are about 2500 workers out on strike.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL

VALENCIA.—The American emergency hospital is doing excellent work near the Jarama sector, Spanish authorities stated in voicing gratitude for help sent from America. The staff has worked day and night in a school house converted into a hospital.

"Pacific Rural Press" Speaks Only for Big Farmers

By a Farmer

HEALDSBURG, Sonoma County—In these days of widespread discussion of our farm problem and their relation to national prosperity, we should look with interest to the farm paper for a point of view. But the varieties of agriculture: dairying, orchard, grain, truck, etc., as well as climatic differences involve farming techniques, differ so much at times as to be quite remote from each other, both for the farmer and for the farm paper he reads.

Most farm papers are local in character, and it is my purpose to discuss only a particular farm paper, the Pacific Rural Press, whose circulation is principally in California.

To my mind, this weekly of wide circulation in this state is at a momentous crossroads in its

FORT BRAGG SUPERVISOR'S CCC RECORD

How Lumber Man Treated Boys in CCC Camp

By a Worker Correspondent

WILLITS—Mr. Philbrick, an S. P. Lumber Co. slave-driver and now representing the company as a supervisor from Fort Bragg, was the man who was big boss in the CCC Camp here, getting \$250 per month, it was said.

He sent us out to work on macaroni soup and weak tea—road work at that, to build a fire trail and road for a lumber company west of Willits.

We started a demonstration for better food. I was supposed to be a leader, or civilian boss, but Philbrick told me I had to drive those weak, soft boys from the city, or quit, so I took the pick and shovel. We got better food, but Black, an ex-soldier and leader, got fired.

Fire-Fighting Slavery

Then Philbrick sent us over to Rockport to fight a fire, endangering the woods and mill there—half enough men and about half enough food for what men there were. Some meat was rotten and made the boys sick. I wouldn't eat it, so I went short.

A forestry man, seeing the fix we were in, caught us some surf fish. He told us it was a dirty shame to drive green boys like that with not enough to eat.

We didn't get over three or four hours' sleep each night. We didn't have enough blankets. Nights were cold and damp on the coast and we had to sleep on the ground with no tents. We would walk three miles for meals and to the beds, coming red hot to roll up in cold, damp blankets after eating half enough supper. We put in 14 to 16 hours per day. It's a wonder to me half those boys didn't die.

Boy Died As Result

One boy got badly sick from spoiled meat. One went to the city with pneumonia. Henry De Rosier, Boonville, took pneumonia and died from the effects a year or so later. The immediate cause of the pneumonia cases was taking the men right off the fire trail red-hot and hauling them 40 miles in the cold coast air! It was legal murder, due to supreme indifference to human life.

And now Philbrick is a supervisor!

Healdsburg Farmer Revolts Against "Rural Press"

Healdsburg, Cal.
Editor Western Worker:
The "Pacific Rural Press" on many occasions has taken pot-shots at your paper. I have been a subscriber for some time to that farm weekly and am now discontinuing my subscription for reasons outlined to them, as per copy enclosed.

It may gratify you also to know that another "Pacific Rural Press" subscriber has revolted with written protest. Will you please send me sample copy of the Western Worker?

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For National Unity of Marine Workers



JOE CURRAN, left, and Harry Bridges at right, leaders of East and West Coast maritime workers, who both are fighting for national unity of the maritime workers. Sentiment is growing for national maritime convention to settle national problems.

Sebastopol Small Growers Victims Of "Big-Shots"

By a Small Farmer

SEBASTOPOL—The Apple Growers' Assn. of this city is again, as in 1933, planning to appropriate a sum of money to send a big shot back east to find a market for the fruit.

This so-called association is nothing but a group of rich apple growers who control the small, poor growers with signed agreement, due to the fact that these big growers own the packing and shipping houses in town, and all shipping houses in the "apple belt."

Poor "Member" Cheated

In this way, they control the market, as the poor grower must sell to them, or sell at a loss. The poor "member" of the association, who is the grower who hasn't been able to eke more than a day-to-day existence for the last few years, must borrow money from the big growers, who are the "big-shot" members and shippers of the association, months before the crop is harvested. This is another way how the poor grower is tied up to the big grower, or rather to the association "big-shots."

In 1933 one of the "big-shots" decided to take \$17,000 from the treasury, which is built up of moneys cheated from the small grower members, to take a trip to New York to find a market, but all he did find when he came back was a "market" to spend the \$17,000.

The apples were sold that year through the usual market, the association market.

A Bare Living

Some of the poor members live like hermits, because they haven't either the money or the other requirements to go to town. Most of the small members are share-croppers, and suffer the most.

Sometimes all they have to eat is a few potatoes and other vegetables, owing to the fact that they are kept so busy pruning, plowing, thinning and spraying the trees that they can't take time to grow anything worth while for themselves.

THAT'S GRATITUDE

MONTREAL—Blinded during the war in the service of the U. S. Army, Roy Tessier is denied re-entry into the United States because he was born in Canada.

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Portland Alliance On The Job to Aid Member

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTLAND, Ore.—"Grandma's Kitchen," an outstanding local example of the relief racket, continued its hysterical attempt at terrorism against the unfortunate inmates on March 20 with the summary ejection and arrest of Homer Tugman, former Forestry Dept. worker and a member of the Workers' Alliance, on the flimsy pretext of technical violation of a local handbill ordinance.

Tugman had handed copies of a Workers' Alliance bulletin to his companions in the institution's hallway while awaiting his turn for admission to the dining room for the mid-day meal.

A Foul "Joint"

The "Kitchen" gets 12¢ per meal from the State of Oregon, spends four cents per meal. Beds are dirty, kitchen, unsanitary, place infested and verminous, etc. The Alliance has put charges against this "joint" and demanded investigation. The place attained notoriety some time back when clients were poisoned.

It was exactly 23 minutes after Alliance officials got word of the arrest until Tugman was free. All charges were dismissed.

Follow These Rules To Win Valuable Book Prize Free

To enter the contest of worker correspondents for "Soviet Communism," by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, follow these rules:

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling concretely what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.
2. Letters must have name and address of writer, but names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."
3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please, but we may have to condense some for publication.
4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

BANNING UNION WINS \$25,000 PAY INCREASE

90% of 1500 Tunnel Men Belong To Union

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING—Of the approximately 1500 men working on the San Jacinto tunnel and at the local aqueduct office, nearly 90 percent of them belong to the Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union.

These 1500 men, with their recent raise in pay won from the Metropolitan Water District, will receive about \$25,000 in additional wages next pay day.

Pay Won by Union
Underground workers in the San Jacinto tunnel will receive \$1 a day increase; surface workers 50 cents a day increase; salaried employees receiving \$190 monthly or less will receive a raise of \$15 a month.

Rates resulting from this victory by the union are: miners, \$7.50 daily; chuck-tenders, \$7 daily; brakemen, \$6.20 daily; mucking machine operators, \$10 daily; and carpenters, \$7.70 and \$8.20 daily.

S.F. Italians Turn Against Mussolini

SAN FRANCISCO—A majority of the Italian colony in this city has been for Mussolini for many years, and all through during the Ethiopian affair.

Now that the results from Mussolini's intervention in the Spanish civil war are resulting also in a civil war between different factions among the Italian people, there is a considerable cooling off in the Italian community, and even those not suspected of red tendencies are beginning to discuss freely, and not very favorably, the wisdom of the Italian so-called superman.

The Italian man in the street cannot see what reason, even what precedent in history, might cause Mussolini's meddling in what was a purely local affair of a civilized nation.

I am saying Mussolini's on purpose. In fact, it is proved that the Italians battling in Spain against the Loyalist Army do not belong to the regular Italian Army, but belong to the Fascist legions who gave such a poor show of their prowess during the war against Abyssinia, and were saved then from destruction by the regular Italian Army headed by General Badoglio.

The writer wishes to stress the fact that regular army Italian veterans were prominent among the Loyalist forces of Spain in inflicting a set-back to their brothers of the black shirt.

It is clear that while full-blooded Italians have little chance to make their voices heard at home, many of them still possess the old spirit and still love freedom for themselves and other people as they always did.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—The Luzerne County Assn. of Public Welfare Employees is the first organization of its kind in the country.

Machinist Goes After Big Prize!

By a Worker Correspondent

YUCAIPA—The Western Worker is a means of keeping me in touch with union activity, and the class struggle in general. Being a machinist, I was a member of No. 68 back in 1903, and spent some 27 years in various slave-pens throughout the country.

Only By Organization

Having not worked at the business for some years past, but have not lost interest in the organized labor movement, as through organization only will the workers, who do the useful work of the world, be aroused to the need for twentieth century democracy, or the Communist line of thought.

You are putting out a fine paper, and it fills a long-felt want in the organizing field.

You have just read the entry of one worker in the Worker Correspondents' Contest for the prize two volumes of "Soviet Communism," by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, valued at \$7.50.

Can you beat this entry? Can you write a better letter (see box below for rules of the contest) and cop this big prize? Get busy today!

A Real Tip

What to write about? Here's a tip—first, send in a story about conditions or an incident where you work; second, order a small bundle (2½ cents per copy) of the issue we print this story in, and distribute it sell the copies to your fellow workers; third, after they've read the paper, ask them what they think of the "Western"; fourth, use their answers as a basis for your contest letter, telling concretely how the "Western" helps workers fight for better conditions.

Wide-Open Competition

Communist Party members, in particular, should find this contest easy; however, non-Party members are especially invited to enter the contest and should be able to give some real competition.

Get busy today!

Spain is Aided By Mt. View People

By a Spanish Worker.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—The Action Democra Espanola had a meeting March 13 and collected \$127.16. On March 17, we also collected \$53.16, which amounts to \$180.32. This amount has already been sent to the Democratic government of Spain, and we also have organized the youth of Mountain View and Sunnyvale, and they have a meeting every Friday.

We are going to organize a meeting to help the youth join the union for them to be ready when the canneries are opened. I hope we come out victorious.

INVENTION IN USSR

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—John Rust, inventor of the cotton-picking machine, is back after 7 months in the Soviet Union. He believes the Soviet government will undertake mass production of his invention.

CONFERENCE TO BACK NOMINEE AND PLATFORM

Mrs. Armstrong Only One to Fill Bill In 9th Dist.

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—When candidates for City Council came before the Conference for United Political Action in the 9th District, seeking endorsement, they were all liberals and stood foursquare for union labor.

In fact, they said this themselves, beaming their best smiles upon the delegates, who had assembled to support only that candidate which accepted its platform of 14 planks in behalf of progress, civil rights and labor.

Powerful Block

These delegates from the Epics, Farmer - Labor Club, Painters Union, Jewish Bakers Union, Workers' Alliance, I.W.O. and some 22 liberal, union, church and working class groups of the L. A. Eastside and El Sereno, represented probably the greatest single voting block in the 9th District.

The investigating committee started probing into the candidates' backgrounds. And then the delegates started making speeches of their own.

Peterson, it was discovered, was a perennial candidate, ready to agree to anything that might bring in votes. Another candidate was found to be a former red-baiter. Some hemmed and pawk on the anti-open shop plank.

Anti-Unionist Loses

Berman is carrying on an expensive campaign, especially in Boyle Heights. He was extremely anxious to secure the endorsement. A delegate pointed out he employed non-union labor in his movie-theatre chain.

Emma Cutler withdrew her candidacy in favor of whomever the conference might select. "I do this in the spirit of unity," she declared. As Communist candidate for Congress, she polled some 7000 votes last election.

The candidate that then made the favorable impression, was Mrs. Adelaide D. Armstrong, secretary of Parley Parker Christensen, present liberal incumbent who will not run again because of ill health. For many years she was a settlement worker and later active in the Epic movement.

True Progressive

Not only did Mrs. Armstrong agree to the 14 planks, but indicated her desire to meet periodically with the Continuance Committee after the election to plan how best to serve the interests of the people and to formulate progressive and labor legislation.

She stood ready to fight for speedier and cheaper transportation, playground extension, municipal ownership of public utilities, better hospitalization and a better housing program in this district which contains some of the city's poorest sections.

She was ready to champion the right of workers to organize, strike and bargain collectively and to fight against anti-picketing ordinances, to demand abolition of the police "red-squad" and to protect civil rights.

Unanimous Choice

"My first interests," she stated, "will be to help the underprivileged, the badly housed and the undernourished."

When the final vote was taken, even delegates who had favored Berman had been won over. Mrs. Armstrong was endorsed unanimously amidst wild acclaim. Then each delegate solemnly signed a pledge to stand by the endorsement.

Plans are being formulated to sweep the candidate of the conference into office.

And so, for the first time in the history of the 9th District, trade unionists, liberals and workers' organizations representing many shades of thought and opinion, have despite their differences united for progressive political action.

Be There

Tuesday, April 6th—8 P. M. Sharp
121 Haight St.—Auditorium.
Mass Conference of Western Worker readers. Auspices: Western Worker Editorial Staff. This is a long-awaited event. Pack the hall! Bring your friends and fellow workers.

WALL STREET STOOGES ARE CAUGHT LYING

Their Defense of "9 Old Men" Easily Blown Up

WASHINGTON—The reactionary Wall Street forces are continuing to parade their stooges through the Senate judiciary committee hearings.

Rep. Wm. Lemke, who stooged for Alfred M. Landon and Fairbank Coughlin in the last election, came before the committee to urge people to "sympathize" rather than condemn the justices of the Supreme Court for their "few mistakes."

Pres. E. H. Emerson of the Farmers' Union provided a sorry figure.

When he was cross-examined, it developed that the Farmers' Union has taken no action on the court plan and Emerson has no authority to talk for it, that state divisions of the Union had either not acted at all on the plan or had taken stands for the plan.

Emerson had read a resolution adopted by the Farmers' Union against dictatorship last fall; it was actually a dig at the Coughlin-Lemke element in the organization.

Wheeler Takes Beating

Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.), who once was supposed to be "liberal," also looked foolish in trying to defend the "nine old men."

He quoted from Woodrow Wilson against packing the court, and then had to admit the quotation was from the horse and buggy days of 1886!

Wheeler also quoted from F. D. Roosevelt in 1933, and again had to admit that the President's words applied to the lower courts and not to the Supreme Court!

Johnson's Program Against "City Hall Gang"

LOS ANGELES—Spearhead of the people's fight against the "City Hall Gang," Grover Johnson, famed labor attorney, has issued the following platform for his campaign for City Council, District 13, against labor-hating incumbent, Darwin W. Tate:

"1. I will propose and support an adequate slum-clearance program, to rid the district of miserable living conditions that have endured under the present administration.

For Municipal Bus System

"2. I will support the establishment of a five-cent street car fare and of a municipal bus system.

"3. I will oppose spot zoning, which allows factories and slaughter houses in residential districts and deprives citizens of their property in contravention of our constitution.

"4. I will retain our present business license tax.

No More Food Poisoning

"5. I will support civil service rating for public employees but oppose such ratings for department heads, for this places department heads beyond the reach of the people.

"6. I will support the increase of health inspectors to an adequate number, so that the public health will be fully protected, and no more meat or milk poisoning will occur.

"7. I will oppose and vote to repeal any legislation denying the right of labor to organize, strike and picket, or the enactment of any local legislation which will deprive any person of any right guaranteed under federal and state constitutions—free speech, free press and peaceful assembly.

"8. I will refuse to use a \$5000 city-owned limousine with a chauffeur as do so many of the city councilmen.

Adequate Relief

"9. I will advocate and fight for sufficient relief for the unemployed to enable them to maintain an American standard of living, and will oppose layoffs on relief projects.

"10. I will support any legislation designed to make our schools more comfortable and efficient. Our children must have the opportunity of socially adequate education if democracy is to endure.

"11. I will oppose the expenditure of public money for the promotion of private business.

"12. I will vote to memorialize Congress to support President Roosevelt's Supreme Court legislation.

Johnson Campaign Headquarters are at 1453 Sunset Blvd., Telephone VAndike 1650.

Do your part to fulfill the WESTERN WORKER drive for \$12,000.

Enemies of People Attack Court Curb In San Diego Meet

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO Cal. — At a "Hands Off the Supreme Court" mass meeting in Roosevelt Jr. High School auditorium on March 23, Dr. Martin Luther Thomas, archreactionary, delivered slashing attacks against President Roosevelt.

About 200 persons were present.

"Red-Baits" Like Hearst

"No one can accuse the living Supreme Court of interpreting the constitution of the United States by any other standard than the constitution itself. What is it they want then?" thundered Thomas. "They want a Socialist, Communist regime. That's what Roosevelt has wanted from the day he became president. Roosevelt is the most dangerous man ever in the White House."

F.J. Macomber, attorney, lied: "Roosevelt has said that his proposal is made so that he can dictate in advance the decisions of the Supreme Court. He is drunk with power. Not satisfied with the control of two departments of government, he wants to rule the judiciary."

Tories Get Auditoriums

Reactionaries like the above have no trouble in securing the use of school auditoriums for their nefarious purposes whenever they want them.

But when a group of democratic San Diego citizens applied to the school board a short time ago for permission to use one of the auditoriums when the Spanish Youth Delegation was here, the request was flatly refused on the grounds that it was in violation of the President's neutrality program, and that only one side was to be represented.

Why did not this same school board say to the San Diego Fascists who sponsored the meeting Monday night: "We cannot allow the school buildings to be used by individuals who attack the President and who are in opposition to his plan for the reorganization of the Supreme Court?" Nothing was said about the other side of the question.

Apparently it is perfectly in order for the reactionary associates of the reactionary school board to attack the President and his policies whenever it suits them to do so. They only support the President when he in turn supports reactionary legislation.

We wonder what the school board will have to say when we apply for a school auditorium in which to hold a mass meeting on "Nine Old Men."

When we hold that meeting we predict that more than 200 friends of democracy will be present.

C.P. San Mateo County Fights Trotskyism

Pointing to the counter-revolutionary role of the Trotskyites, the San Mateo County Convention of the Communist Party adopted a resolution, "that we pledge ourselves to do our utmost as Communist Party members to expose this vicious attack on the working class movement and pledge our loyalty to the workers of the Soviet Union, our party leaders, national and international in this fight to beat down and eradicate this new attack on the vanguard of the working class throughout the world. Knowing full well the seriousness of this struggle against Trotskyism, we pledge ourselves to press on to victory."

To Pension Civil Employees, Oak.

OAKLAND—After 20 years of trying, Oakland civil employees have finally won a pension and retirement system. The City Council has given final approval to the ordinance setting up the pension system.

This means that civil employees will enjoy pension benefits similar to those held by the firemen and police.

Anti-Fascist Radio Found in Milan

MILAN, Italy—The Fascist police here uncovered a secret anti-Fascist broadcasting station, which was actively working against Italian intervention in Spain as well as spreading general anti-Fascist propaganda.

Among 50 arrested are five lawyers, a number of army officers and workers. One of the officers died in jail as a result of tortures. The rest of the prisoners will be tried by a special court in Rome.

LABOR LEADER SEEKS SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

Vane Dart, Veteran Unionist, Runs In Oakland

OAKLAND — Vane V. Dart, Carpenters' No. 36, faces a united front of judges, lawyers, Southern Pacific managers, and other anti-people forces in his campaign for election as School Director No. 1, against incumbent George W. Hatch.

Six Reactionary Incumbents

The Board of School directors, intact for the past nine years, consists of John Joseph Allen, son to Judge Allen; Wade Snook, brother to Judge Snook and head of the Republican Committee; Kornhauss, Manager of one of Giannini's banks; Rose Burkhardt, personnel director for S.P. railroads; Dr. Dinsmuir, wealthy physician, and George W. Hatch, merchant commissioner.

Organized labor hopes, at the April 20 primaries, to furnish a new answer to the question: "Where does labor come in on this board?"

Dart, leading labor man in Alameda County for the past 20 years, is running on a platform which includes free medical and optical care for school children, 10-day sick leave for teachers, and many labor points.

Negro Leader for Council

Bill Wilkerson, member of Union of Professional Workers and of the Workers' Alliance, is seeking office as councilman.

A leading figure in the National Negro Congress as well, Wilkerson also includes in his platform the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, revision of taxes for more equitable distribution between big propertyed interests and small home owners, and other progressive legislation.

Court Plan Backed By N.Y. American Labor Party

NEW YORK—Supporting Pres. Roosevelt's court reform program, two U. S. senators and other prominent speakers assailed the conservative majority of the Supreme Court at a meeting held under the auspices of the American Labor Party at Carnegie Hall here.

Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, Wisconsin, declared sit-down strikes are the answer of workers to the sit-down of the Supreme Court, American Liberty League and Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers against New Deal social legislation. Sen. Hugo L. Black of Alabama, added that the hue and cry being raised by reactionaries and so-called liberals could no more fool the millions who voted for the President than the pre-election bogies that were raised against him.

72-Year-Old Stooge For Reaction Will Seek Re-election

SACRAMENTO — Attorney General U.S. Webb, 72, who has served reactionary interests in his post for more than a quarter of a century, denied reports that he would not run for re-election again in 1938.

New Member Sets Pace in Recruiting!

"Party Life Column" Also Needs Your Experiences

By a New Party Member

I joined the Communist Party only a month ago. I saw that the Party stood for the things that I have believed in for a long time, and that many of my friends believe in, also.

And so I decided: "I will invite them to come with me to my New Members' Unit, and give them a chance to enter the Party as I have."

Recruits Wife

First I thought of my wife. She works in a big store and has tried to organize a union there for a long time, but she never had any help.

I took her to my unit, and when the instructor told her how the Party tries to organize the workers into unions, and how trade union comrades would help her, she joined right away.

Spanish Workers Sign Up

Then I went to my next door neighbor. They are two brothers who work in a factory, Spanish, like myself. The rest of

L.A. Surprised at Negro Leader's Backing Shaw

LOS ANGELES—Great surprise in liberal and progressive circles arose here recently when Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, Negro assemblyman, 62nd district, endorsed reactionary, Fascist-minded Mayor Frank L. Shaw, who is running for re-election.

Pettis Perry, organizer of the Goodyear Section of the Los Angeles Communist Party, wrote the following letter to Hawkins:

People Surprised

"I was quite surprised to hear that you were supporting Mayor Frank L. Shaw, considering the fact that you have taken so many progressive steps: your activities in the Negro Congress; the progressive steps in both terms in the legislature on behalf of the people of the 62nd District; your fight for unemployment relief; against the blacklisting of union members, etc. All such actions every progressive-minded person can endorse. However, if the first point is correct, namely support of Mayor Frank L. Shaw, then this is a step that we cannot endorse for the following reasons:

"1. Shaw is the worst enemy of the whole working class as evidenced by his sending of the police into the strike zone in San Pedro; the sending of police to break up meetings of workers during an election campaign and at other times when meetings were being held in free speech zones;

"2. It is his police that are constantly used against the Negro people in the district that you represent;

"3. It was his police who were instrumental in kidnapping and beating Horace Hampton on July 17th.

Betrayal of True

"It is my opinion that you are well aware of all these activities and many more which space does not permit me to enumerate. Moreover, support of Mayor Shaw would constitute a gross betrayal of the Negro people and they will have to be told as much.

"I would like to hear from you on your reasons for supporting Frank L. Shaw for Mayor, if you are lending him your support; and if this rumor is not true, you should certainly repudiate it in the press."

SUPPORT GUILD

WASHINGTON—William Green has promised full support to the Newspaper Guild in any controversy that may develop with the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain.

Has Proof of Mussolini Violations



YVONNE DELBOS, French Foreign Minister (left) who states France has positive proof of Mussolini's violations of neutrality agreement on Spain. Mussolini shown at right.

AN OPEN-SHOPPER'S DREAM

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Manufacturers is demanding intervention in labor disputes, through compulsory arbitration.

SPUR ALBERTI FOR COUNCIL DRIVE IN L.A.



Henry J. Alberti, member of Musicians Union Local 47, for election to the City Council in the 2nd District, is going ahead with full swing.

Labor Joint Executive Board Endorses Candidate

LOS ANGELES — The campaign of Henry J. Alberti, member of Musicians Union Local 47, for election to the City Council in the 2nd District, is going ahead with full swing.

Campaign headquarters have been set up at 5540 Hollywood Blvd., Telephone GRanite 6441, with Dr. Ralph Peters as chairman and Betty Rosenhouse as secretary.

Organized Labor Backs Him

Alberti has been given the endorsement of the Joint Executive Board of the organized labor movement, as follows:

"The organized labor movement, through its Joint Executive Board, has had before it the application of yourself and others for endorsement of their candidacies for the office of City Councilman, District No. 2.

"Under the rules of the Joint Executive Board, which represents the Central Labor Council in San Pedro and Wilmington, and the Central Labor, Allied Printing Trades, Building Trades and Metal Trades Councils of Los Angeles, makes recommendations upon the various candidates, and its recommendations must in turn be submitted to all five of these organizations, and must receive the approval of at least three of them.

Endorsement

"We are very happy to say to you that the Joint Board has recommended your endorsement, and it has been submitted to these Councils, and has received unanimous approval, and I am therefore writing to officially notify you of your endorsement by the organized labor movement of this city.

"The endorsement of organized labor has been extended to you in this instance, after a very careful analysis, and in the belief that you have a full understanding of Labor's problems as they will appear in the City Council from time to time, and we earnestly trust that you will be successful in election. You may call upon us for any assistance we may be capable of rendering in the promotion of your candidacy."

LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"SHORT-CUTS" AREN'T ALWAYS the shortest way home. The unicameral (one-house) legislature idea is one of those routes that looks like a short-cut to more democracy, but actually lead the people far astray in their fight for their immediate demands.

Comrade P. W., of Los Angeles, recently wrote objecting to the "Western's" stand against unicameral legislatures and was answered in this column. However, he has written again, raising some more arguments for this plan, chiefly that abolishing the reactionary-controlled State Senate would be a "short-cut" for democracy.

"Why not take a short-cut to a desirable change by abolishment of that reactionary, obstructive body?" he asks.

No Short-Cut in Neb. . .

Nebraska is the only state that has put such a legislature into existence, but it is no short-cut to democracy in that state, as the Nebraska farmers and workers can testify. Last week, the unicameral legislature in Nebraska voted down the child labor amendment to the U. S. Constitution, with only a few votes for the vital amendment.

There is only one solution for the workers and farmers, and that is mass struggle to organize a Farmer-Labor Party and to put Farmer-Labor men in office. This is the "shortest way home" even if it isn't a "short-cut."

It certainly is not impossible to elect Farmer-Labor men to the California State Senate and change it from a reactionary to a progressive body. And, as previously stated, certain changes could be made in the Senate such as making terms two instead of four years, and re-constituting senatorial districts so that each senator would represent an approximately equal number of voters.

The unicameral legislature, as proposed in Senator Olson's Bill, would curtail democracy by giving the people only 80 candidates to elect to office, whereas today they elect 80 assemblymen and 40 senators. The number of legislative houses does not determine democracy, but the organization of the workers and farmers for democracy.

Democratizing the Recall . . .

Comrade P. W. also urges, in his letter, that the recall power of the people be shorn of its present red tape. This, of course, is a real fight for democracy. Just how badly gummed up with red tape the recall power is, can be very well seen in San Francisco, where Mayor Rossi and his whole machine have been thoroughly branded with the police graft tar brush.

If a move is made to recall Rossi, San Francisco voters will only be able to vote "yes" or "no" to the question: "Shall Mayor Rossi be recalled?" They would not be able to vote for another candidate against Rossi; should the mayor be recalled, the machine-controlled Board of Supervisors would then name the next mayor.

The right of recall of public officials was won by the people after a hard fight. The bankers and industrialists immediately sabotaged this right by gumming red tape all over this right, in order to make it very difficult for the bosses' tools to be removed from office.

Shall Rossi Be Recalled? . . .

With this set-up in effect,

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LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"SHORT-CUTS" AREN'T ALWAYS the shortest way home. The unicameral (one-house) legislature idea is one of those routes that looks like a short-cut to more democracy, but actually lead the people far astray in their fight for their immediate demands.

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SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

NOW THAT the Atherton report has been published, we know what the red light on top of San Francisco's Ferry Building means.

The saddest thing about the entire graft expose was that the whole town knew about it already. But at least, Atherton's investigation shovelled it into the faces of the public and made them realize it more.

If a civic administration can be so corrupt in this respect, how can any sensible citizen expect it to be honest in any respect? That's an excellent thing to remember at the next elections. The City Hall is badly in need of flushing.

Of course capitalist philosophy teaches us that "human nature is lousy" and everyone will graft if he gets a chance, so what can you do about it?

A lot of people actually believe such nonsense. Their faith in capitalism is, so to speak, a faith in human indecency.

But decent people are in the majority and capable of seizing the reins. And a united front of labor and progressive forces in San Francisco could put an honest civic administration in office.

Doing away with prostitution and doing away with graft, however, are two different things. Prostitution is a deeply rooted and long standing disease of the social system and could never be legislated out of existence. In order to do away with prostitutes, you have to give everybody jobs and security, end poverty, enable people to marry and have homes and children. You have to do away with the slums. You have to do away with sex-starvation. You have to re-educate a whole mass of disillusioned, cynical people and reclaim them for society. This calls for long range planning and a lot of patient work.

But before the filth of capitalism can be cleared away, you have to clear away capitalism itself.

A liberal civic administration wouldn't do that, but at least it could place prostitution under sensible control and do away with the graft. It is bad enough to live under a social system which starves or degenerates women to the point where they have to merchandize their bodies, without having the police to prey on them.

THIS THING of quizzes and investigations is turning into a gruesome comedy. Apparently the existing order in America cannot be scrutinized in any place without revealing a scandal.

We have the investigation of munitions which revealed those industries as a giant racket that foments wars and counts its profits in human skulls.

We had the investigation of Ocean Mail Subsidies, which revealed American shipowners as a lot of brigands looting the public treasury.

We had the LaFollette investigation of labor espionage which revealed American industrialists as an invisible government operating with the aid of thousands of spies, provocateurs, and armies of thugs.

In the past we have had investigations of almost everything you could think of, and in every case the result was scandal. The committee's findings are filed away in alphabetical order and forgotten.

When you crack open a rotten egg, you do not have to eat the entire egg to tell if it is rotten.

Graft and corruption are as natural to capitalism as a skunk's odor is to its personality. In the language of capitalism, graft is called "individual initiative" or "enterprise." It is excused by the philosophy, "If you don't do it, somebody else will."

Can you imagine a safe-blower robbing a bank and saying to himself: "If I don't do it, somebody else will. Human nature is lousy and crime can never be done away with. I might as well be practical?"

Letters: From Readers of The Western Worker

San Francisco. Editor, Western Worker: Naturally, we are all for the Spanish people, but as the Madrid government has shown, it is a good policy to confide the victories of the Fascists to the people, as well as their losses.

As the columns on that subject in the "Western" stand now, it would seem that the Loyalists have had one series of victories since the outset of the "rebellion."

PROSPECTIVE YCLER. Redwood City, Cal. Editor, Western Worker: I do here inform you that I am for the "Western," and so much so, that I am jealous of it and keep every copy for myself stored away. —R.M.

Two Pamphlets in Defense of Spain

Spain, Battleground of Democracy. By Hubert C. Herring. Special Edition for North American Committee to Aid Democracy. 10 cents.

Spain. By a Committee of leading ministers. Published by American Friends of Spanish Democracy. 10 cents.

Not least among the crying needs of the struggle in defense of world democracy is the distribution of literature in this country on the struggle being waged by the Spanish people against Fascism.

Two such pamphlets, each with a special appeal, are those listed above.

The first, by Hubert C. Herring, is not only an exposition of the issues in Spain as they affect democracy on a world scale, but a resume of the historical background out of which the present Spanish struggle emerges.

It is a pamphlet giving the main issues of the Spanish struggle and one of many which may be as widely distributed as possible in the course of rallying the labor and democratic forces in this country to support Spain.

The pamphlet "Spain," by thirteen distinguished protestant ministers including Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches; Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, and Dean Luther A. Welgle of Yale Divinity School, is

another much in need of better distribution. Although it is a general appeal, showing the atrocities of Fascism, and the significance of the Spanish struggle as a whole, it gives special attention to answering the charges of "religious persecution" hurled at the government, showing that the crimes in this field are on the side of the Fascists. —T.P.

'Criminal Syndicalism'

They prate of violence in vain. Who, under guise of law, Their padded tyrannies maintain With reeking fang and claw.

No Judas ever kissed a Christ With more mendacious lips Than these, whose fingers, silver-priced, With Labor's life-blood drip.

Away with this commercial cant! With pliant Bench and Bar! With the stool-pigeon's obvious plant!

Away with wilful ignorance! Away with coward fear! Who would for Freedom lift a lance, Forward! the hour is here! —ROBERT WHITAKER.

Spain's Necessity Brings Inventions by Defenders

By LISTON OAK

VALENCIA — While all the freedom-loving world is rejoicing at the huge loyalist victory on the Guadalajara front and the precipitate flight of Italian troops — brought to Spain most of them against their knowledge or will — attention may be turned to picturesque incidents of the struggle which none the less have a bearing on its outcome.

The stick of dynamite, familiar tool of miners, has become a deadly weapon in the trenches of Spain.

Those of us who remember the World War know our Death Battalion, Lost Battalion, Devil Dog Battalion — it remained for the Spanish war to produce a Dynamite Battalion.

Emiliano Tejada, commander of the Dynamite Battalion, now operating on the Madrid front, gives this account of its formation:

"Dynamite appeared on the Cordoba front when the rebel army that had swept the province threatened Jaen. The miners came to enlist in the militia, then very poorly equipped. So they used dynamite to fight, instead of guns. With the help of these heroic dynamiters the people's army took Montoro, El Carpio, Villafraanca and Pedro Obad, thus cutting off the rebel advance.

"Shortly after, I was called by the government to form the Dynamite Battalion. In the November defense of Madrid, my men did wonderful work destroying tanks. The main duty of dynamiters today is to destroy tanks. It is a risky business and many men have been killed or terribly maimed."

The stick of dynamite, prepared by the dynamiter himself, and looking like a package of coffee, is held in the right hand. A cigarette-lighter is held in the

left. The left and right hands meet for a moment, the fuse light. The dynamiter holds the stick in his hand until the fuse is burning well, then he throws it.

A hoe in the hands of a peasant is as valuable as a rifle in the hands of a soldier, holds a freshly-minted slogan.

The Ministry of Industry has adopted plans for multiplying by 10 the 1,300,000 bee-hives in Spain, so that honey can be produced in sufficient quantity to replace sugar of which they may be short soon. A central bee-keeping station will be created which will teach the best methods of apiculture, and to encourage peasants to keep bees.

Although begging has been a profession in Spain for many

centuries, a stubborn attempt is now being made to wipe it out. The Ministry of Health & Social Service recently established a free soup kitchen, a retreat for the aged, and several children's homes at Valencia.

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Plans are projected for a group of schools for the blind and other disabled.

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Capitalism Flatters the Engineers

But Stifles Social Use of Ability, Training

By P.B.

THREE hundred engineers from all parts of the state gathered in Sacramento at a dinner meeting under the joint auspices of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Structural Engineers' Association of California. A number of state legislators were present as guests.

The principal speaker was Dr. Paul F. Cadman, a consulting economist, who spoke on "The Engineer as a Factor in Social Stability." Dr. Cadman, while referring to some of the achievements made possible by the vision and daring of certain engineers, drew a picture of the social scene well calculated to discourage any attempt to examine critically the status quo.

The laws governing the behavior of structural materials were brought into the picture to support his plea to the engineers to maintain a steady "middle course" in the path of tradition.

Lieutenant Governor Hatfield spoke briefly, giving the engineers all the credit for constructing the bridges, dams and highways of the state.

This flattery of professionals, making them feel entirely responsible for mass construction projects and disregarding the important part played by the skilled and unskilled workers, is dangerous in that it tends to isolate professional workers from the rest of the wage earners of the world.

Not On Their Own

When engineers get together as active participants in their

meeting rather than as an audience for reactionary politicians, they will, by comparing notes on their own experiences, arrive at the inevitable conclusion that their training, far from being put to efficient use, is almost inevitably made subservient to the race for profit.

An objective analysis of the hampering effect the profit system has on scientific achievement cannot help but stimulate

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Beds

By REB. RANEY

The boss' bed, it's soft as silk—
A spot that sleep enjoys;
Its silken covers smoothe the mind
And stifle thought of noise.

Its mattress gives, and coaxes rest,
The rest that comes again
And heaps rewards that wealth accords
To profit-loving men.

The Worker's bed, it's shabby, hard,
So hard it takes the cake,
For irritating weary life
And keeping it awake.

Its mattress never gives at all;
Its covers fight the skin,
And will, till Workers make them beds
That they are happy in.

California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

EXPLOITATION by the missions and misrule from Mexico City, together with the fact that Texas had won its independence, led to the famous experiment in Home Rule, whose guiding spirit was Juan Bautista Alvarado.

The sense of dependence on Mexico had grown weak by the thirties of the nineteenth century. The Mexican authorities had done little for California, except to send governor after governor who proved unacceptable to the population.

In the region between the Golden Gate and Monterey, Alvarado, assuming leadership of the Home Rule movement, met many assurances of support from the rancheros, who wanted less interference from the powers that were in Mexico City.

In 1836, Alvarado and his growing number of followers issued a manifesto, and with a party of 13 armed men set forth for Monterey. They called their little army the "vanguards of the division of operations."

They used a ruse, to obtain

more followers, giving out the information that an army led by Lieutenant Vallejo was bringing up the rear.

In a few days the party numbered 75. Through the Pajaro Valley they marched to the capital.

Isaac Graham

In the Pajaro Valley they met with news, and valuable allies. An American trapper, Isaac Graham, had settled near Natavidad, established a distillery, and around it had gathered a variegated following of sailors who had left their ships, and Indians and Mexicans.

Graham and his trappers were among the best riflemen in California. Their acquisition by the Home Rulers was invaluable.

The party, thus augmented, arrived near Monterey, the capital, late in the afternoon of November 3. Inside Monterey, there was much sympathy with Alvarado. Joined by some of the capital's inhabitants, the Alvarado party took possession of the castle on the shore of Monterey Bay. The governor, Gutierrez,

After Spanish Loyalists Routed Them



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FREE CLINICS

Dear Doctor: I don't think that I can get in any free clinics here, as you advised, as I have not been here 3 years steady without relief. I was advised to have my tonsils out under local anesthetic. My boy has Psoriasis. What can be done for it?

Answer: As to the free clinics, you can fight to gain admission to the county clinic in spite of technicalities. Consult with the Workers' Alliance and get its support.

If the doctor advised you to have your tonsils out, this should be done especially as they may partially cause your stomach disorder.

Your son may try the following prescription for his psoriasis: 5% salicylic acid mixed in 5% ammoniated mercury ointment. This may be applied every evening. If this does not correct the condition, the treatment which will clear up nearly every case consists in treatments with ultra-violet lamps and the injection of blood by a doctor.

Stomach Gas

Morro Bay, Calif. DEAR DOCTOR BISSELL: What causes gas in the stomach and sour stomach?

R. K.

Answer: Such symptoms may be caused by almost any disease of the stomach, gall bladder, or intestines. It may be nothing serious, but on the other hand, there may be some serious disease present. For this reason, you should have a thorough examination.

If you are unable to afford a private doctor, ask the county hospital to do this, including an X-Ray examination. Ask the doctor to write down the diagnosis and treatment. Send it to me, and I will let you know whether the treatment is sufficient.

'Revolutionists' Film Comes to Oakland

OAKLAND — Old Bolsheviks marveled at the realism and fidelity with which the motion picture "Revolutionists" portrays the Russian revolutionary movement, taking in its scope the years from 1896 to 1907.

With full English subtitles the picture will be shown, one day only, at the Star Theater, 7th and Market Streets, Thursday, April 1. Showings will be continuous from 2:15 p. m.

How Many Did You Answer?

1.—A union of Cordwainers, which came into existence in 1792.

2.—Thomas Paine, who in "Common Sense," "The Rights of Man" and "The Age of Reason" advocated free education, old age pensions, collective bargaining, and many other progressive social measures.

3.—Home Owners' Loan Corporation, a federal body, which was formed under the "New Deal" for the purpose of alleviating the burden of small homeowners by financing mortgages. It has proved unmerciful in foreclosing mortgages on hundreds of thousands, however.

4.—A bill introduced into the California Assembly by Welsh of Los Angeles, which makes sitdown strikes a misdemeanor instead of a felony. Labor is against it, for labor does not regard sitdown strikes as any sort of crime.

5.—California, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Idaho, Pennsylvania.

(To Be Continued)

Play's The Thing To Advertise The Calif. Youth Act

Having met with great success in Los Angeles, players in the Center Playshop production "A. B. 1361," dealing with the California Youth Act, will tour California, with the following tentative dates for playing: Monday, April 5, Bakersfield; Monday, April 6, Fresno; Monday, April 7, Sacramento; Monday, April 8, San Francisco; Monday, April 9, San Jose; Monday, April 10, Santa Barbara; Monday, April 11, Santa Clara; Monday, April 12, Salinas; Monday, April 13, Santa Barbara; Monday, April 14.

Arriving in Sacramento on the 8th, they will participate in the final Youth Rally for the passage of the Youth Act.

On their return trip, the Center Playshop players will present "S 3668," a play based on the American Youth Act. Dates for this production are: San Francisco, April 10; Oakland, April 11; San Jose, April 12; Salinas, April 13; and Santa Barbara, April 14.

WESTERN WORKER-DAILY WORKER DRIVE STANDING

As of March 26, 1937

County or Section Quota Received 3-22-3-26 Total Raised Raised Total Per Cent Yet to Be Raised

Merced \$ 50 \$65.65 131.3

Santa Barbara 125 159.80 127.8

Sonoma 150 179.55 119.7

Tulare 50 \$ 5.00 55.15 110.3

San Francisco 3000 3001.00 100.0

Sacramento 150 144.99 96.6 \$ 5.01

Nevada 25 22.50 90.0 2.50

San Diego 400 4.97 348.50 87.1 51.50

Bakersfield 50 42.63 85.2 7.37

Los Angeles 5000 428.00 3771.40 75.4 1228.60

Alameda 1000 51.25 741.91 74.1 258.09

Eureka 50 34.25 68.5 15.75

Contra Costa 100 7.00 71.56 71.5 28.44

Fort Bragg 75 49.95 66.6 25.05

Monterey 100 5.00 55.25 55.2 44.75

At Large 1150 8.00 572.93 49.9 577.07

San Mateo 150 73.75 49.2 76.25

Stockton 50 4.00 24.00 48.0 26.00

Arizona 25 11.47 45.9 13.53

Santa Clara 150 60.67 40.4 89.33

Fresno 50 20.00 40.0 30.00

San Bernardino 100 38.25 38.2 61.75

Totals \$12000 \$513.22 \$9545.20 79.5

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The Workers Press Drive

Final Week! Rush All Funds to S. F. For Closing Apr. 3

In one week the state drive committee for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker will close its books.

The drive will close officially on Saturday, April 3.

But in that one week many of the sections not yet over the top have an opportunity to finish their quotas and others have an opportunity to make contributions which will be of

affairs Saturday night where they can appreciably diminish the present deficits on their quotas.

Most lax of all are San Mateo, Stockton, Arizona, Santa Clara, Fresno, and San Bernardino. San Bernardino last year was the first to complete its quota. Both Santa Clara and San Mateo placed high in the drive.

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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

An Emergency in the San Francisco Maritime Center; The Los Angeles Painters and the Campaign to Organize That City; Sit-Down Strikes Are Legal; What the CIO Has Brought to the Santa Monica and Other Bay Cities Workers; Railroad Engineers Win the Two-Man Cab System; OTHER LABOR NEWS ON OTHER PAGES.

MEETING AN EMERGENCY IN UNION CENTER

S. F. Recreation Center Tells of Its Role

(By Union Recreation Center Executive Board)

A crisis exists on the San Francisco waterfront!

The Union Recreation Center, with all the splendid traditions it has already created in the few short months of its existence, is in immediate danger.

Only action, immediate, intelligent action, on the part of all maritime workers can prevent this.

That action was clearly outlined by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The District Council recommended, by almost unanimous vote, that the Recreation Center be taken over by the Federation, that it be supported by a temporary monthly subsidy of six hundred dollars to be pro-rated among the unions affiliated to the Federation until the Community Chest can assist in supporting the Center. This pro-rata will be approximately three pennies per member to be paid by your union.

Under Federation control, the Union Recreation Center and all of its facilities would, as during the strike; be open, free of charge, to all men packing a maritime union book.

The recommendation of the District Council is now in the hands of the unions, awaiting action.

Strike History

During the 1936-37 strike the Union Recreation Center served a highly valuable purpose. For the first time in the history of a major American struggle, recreation was considered a vital part of the central strike apparatus. The Center, deservedly, won immediate approval of the overwhelming majority of strikers.

Many committees, the Joint Publicity, Joint Relief, Strike Committees, First Aid, etc., were housed in the Center. The Center's role in bringing a Christmas party to all strikers' children as well as over one thousand dollars into the strike fund, is known by everyone.

From picket lines men came to the Center by the hundreds and thousands; out of the cold rain they came; they used the Center's facilities, pool tables, showers, lockers, basketball and volleyball courts, handball court, library, chess, checker and card tables, boxing ring and punching bags, ENTIRELY WITHOUT ANY CHARGE WHATSOEVER!

Three thousand members of the Federation attended the Center DAILY! Attendance was divided approximately as follows: Sailors, 762; Firemen, 646; Cooks, 420; Warehousemen, 348; Longshoremen, 324; Bargemen, 132; Scalpers, 128; Engineers, Radio Operators, Mates, Machinists, Ship Clerks, Boilermakers, Miscellaneous Workers and Alaska Fishermen and Cannery Workers supplying many hundreds more.

Said Harry Bridges, West Coast President of the International Longshoremen's Association:

"The demonstrated value of the Center during the strike should convince everyone of the necessity of supporting the Center. Everyone I have taken through the Center expressed surprise and amazement that the Maritime Unions were so socially-minded enough, and possessed the ability, to set up and maintain, solely through their own efforts, such an institution as the Sports Center. We must now realize the equally important role of the Center during so-called peace times by giving it our full support. Certainly the rank and file members realize this."

Jack Shelley, President of the

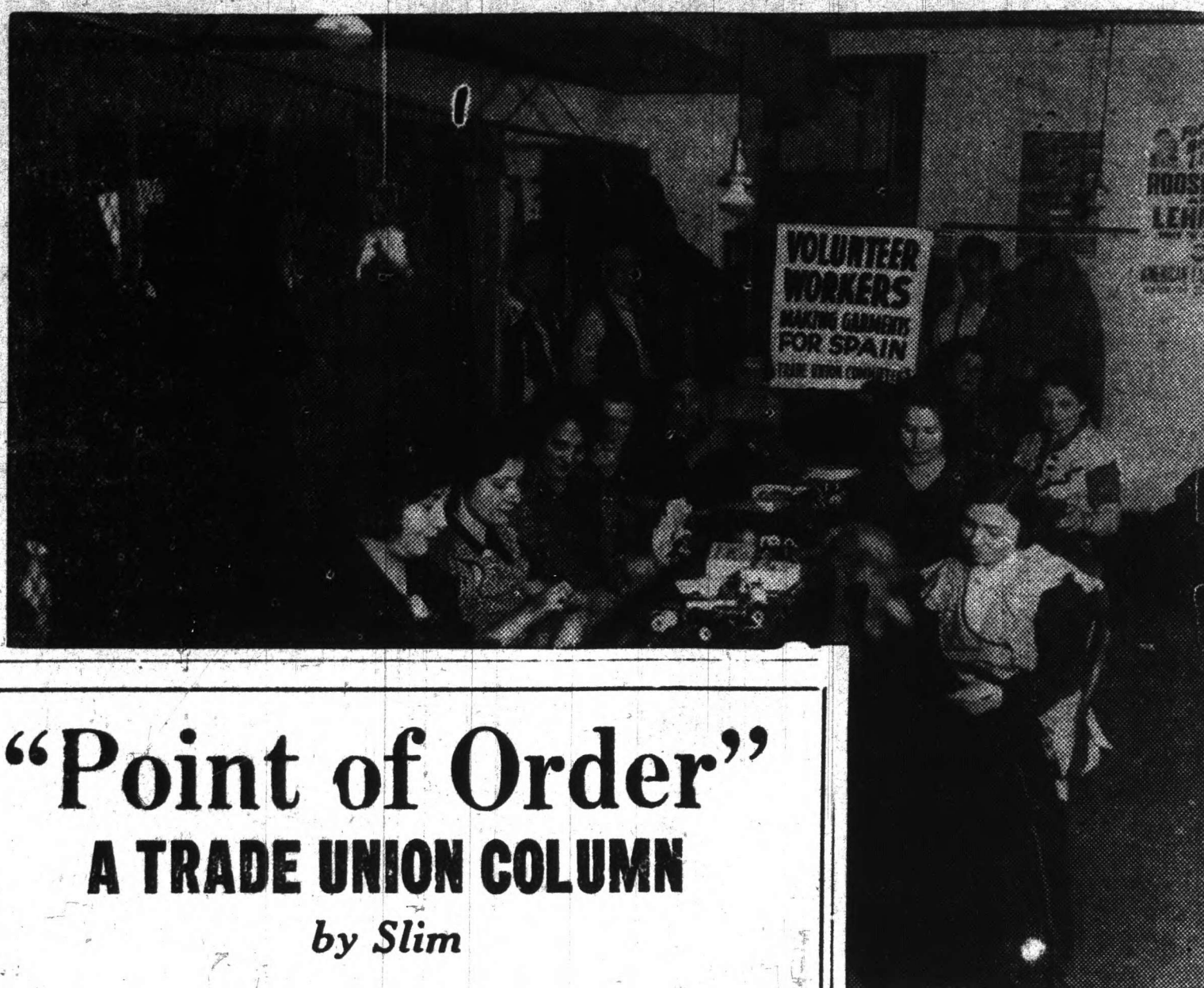
Business Agent Bob Says . .

They're out to get labor going and coming in the next war. If they don't get you to pose as a target, they've got the Shepard-Hill Conscript Bill cooked up.

Shepard's good name for the guy who thought up this one. There would be a general draft of all working men when war is declared. Union scales that'd be up to the generals in the army. You know what that means.

How about letting your congressman or senator know what you and your union think of it?

Organized Labor to the Aid of Spain



"Point of Order" A TRADE UNION COLUMN

by Slim

The CIO, The CIO Sympathizers and Their Attitude Toward the Craft Unionists; Friendliness with Craft Union Members Essential; Rhode Island and New Jersey Set an Example Which Should be Followed Nationally—Joint CIO-Craft Organizational Drives.

ONE OF THE most important jobs for the CIO and CIO organizers is to maintain the friendliest relationship with the membership of the craft unions.

There isn't a doubt in the world that a referendum among the craft union members would show an overwhelming sympathy and support for the CIO policies and actions.

But it must be remembered that the craft union members are under a constant barrage of falsifications and slanders about the CIO on the part of the reactionary officials. It must also be admitted that not every craft union local official who criticizes the CIO is a reactionary—many of them haven't really been told what the actual aims of the CIO are—they've forgotten their ideas from the American Federationist, the Labor Clarion of San Francisco or the Los Angeles Citizen.

There are quite a few craft union officials who haven't yet committed themselves because they aren't sure of the true facts.

These CIO union members and the CIO sympathizers—all progressives—must aim to reach and win over to support for the CIO policies.

One of the falsifications on the part of reactionaries against the

San Francisco Central Labor Council, not only looked with approval on the Recreation Center but freely predicted that other unions might soon see the way clear to follow the progressive lead of the Federation by setting up similar institutions.

No Return to Dues

The Center can no longer return to the dues payment system under which it operated before the strike. The WPA, which supplies the Center with 30 workers, paying them over \$2500 per month, may pull out those workers unless the U.R.C. is open to ALL Federation workers.

This means that unless another way is found, to support the Center, waterfront workers face the grave danger of losing it. The District Council, immediately reacting to this emergency, recommends that the U.R.C. be taken over and operated as it was during the strike.

Unions are now voting or in the process of voting. To Longshoremen, who will take a referendum, Henry Schmidt, President of 38-79, recommends: "Even men who do not use the Center should support it for the splendid work it has done during the strike and for the unity of the Federation which it demonstrated."

Not only to maritime labor, but to labor throughout the country has the progressiveness of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific in initiating the Union Recreation Center been shown. Creating the U.R.C., West Coast Labor had once again shown its heels to labor throughout the country.

This progressive role must not lag now!

The Center must be taken over by the Federation if it is to survive.

Urge your fellow-members on the ships and docks to vote favorably on the District Council's recommendation when it comes up in your union.

Let there be no delay! Meet this emergency in the true Federation way!

UNION GARMENT WORKERS in New York sew garments for anti-Fascist heroes of Spain.

PAINTERS' BIG PART IN L. A. ORGANIZATION

They Deserve Big Share of Credit for Progress

By a Painter

LOS ANGELES—The drive to make Los Angeles a 100% union town is progressing with lightning speed.

If anyone doubts this let them drop down Saturday morning to the Building Trades Council and witness the efficiency flying squadrons as they are dispatched to non-union building constructions. Hundreds of men fill the room and you hear the call—a painter—plasterer—carpenter—electrician—OK, car filled and so on. The Old Timers say this is the stuff—every member an active trade union recruiter.

Where Credit Is Due The Painters District Council can be credited for this action and local 5 of Hollywood can be given much of the credit. It is the most outstanding local of the Painters in the district council.

It's no mere accident, the progress local 5 is making in organizing the painters. About nine months ago this local had a membership of 40 men. Today it's over the 400 mark and going stronger than ever.

What's this stuff that this local has got that is able to accomplish so much? Brothers, it is militant, progressive leadership. Brothers who are honest, conscientious and fighters. This is what it takes and local 5 has it.

Live Meetings

Their meetings are alive, interesting and with enthusiasm that makes one feel a slacker if inactive. Local 5 is proud to have one of its own—one whom every member of the Painters District Council respects.

One who is an example of a militant trade union leader—Brother Lee Hansen, the new Chairman of the Painters District Council 36.

On April 5th at the Macabee Hall, S. Union Avenue, it is giving a Baseball Dance for the purpose of putting into the field a baseball team which the trade union movement will be proud of. Local 5 does not undertake anything without success and will be able to compete against some of the best amateur teams.

A Guy Named Green

By DEWEY LOFTUS (Monterey)

Listen to me, fellow workers, The guy is here at last, To tell you of a union That's going plenty fast.

Here's to the guy called Wm. Green, His better days I'm sure he's seen, For out of the White House he'll have to go To make room for Lewis and the CIO.

He ought to see he's licked at last For the AFL is a thing of the past, I belong to unions, I ought to know The only thing is the CIO.

Green was a fair guy as far as he went, But look at the time in unions he spent, The AFL went along awful slow, But look at the speed of the CIO.

FILIPINOS RETURNED TO A-H SHIP

Crew Members Get Up Petition for Reinstatement

SAN FRANCISCO—A recent incident here shows that there are some elements in the maritime unions who need a lot of rank and file pressure.

When the American-Hawaiian's "Missourian" came in from the East Coast, there were three Filipinos in the steward's department with absolutely clear picket records for both the 1934 and the 1936 strikes. What's more, these good union men had contributed \$600 out of their own pockets to the East Coast's strikers' soup kitchen.

Force Reinstatement Yet the Stewards' third patrolman pulled them off the ship on the grounds that they were not citizens.

The deck department, chiefly West Coast sailors, and others in the crew signed a petition for the Filipinos' return to the ship. They said, "We don't care what color they are or what coast they're from, their records and actions are good enough for us."

The crew's action forced the Filipinos' return to the ship.

Engineers Win Two-Man Cabs

CHICAGO—Through an agreement signed here, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers has won its 18-month fight for the employment of two men in all locomotive cabs, regardless of the type of power generated by the engine.

The agreement was reached in a conference between Brotherhood representatives and spokesmen for 90 Class 1 railroads, comprising practically all of the important carriers in the United States and a vast majority of the nation's railroad mileage.

The conferees have been in session since February 17. The pact became effective March 15.

It is estimated that 500 additional firemen-helpers will be put to work then on Diesel-electric, oil-electric, gas-electric and other internal combustion, steam-electric or electric locomotives which are now being operated with only one man in the cab.

Locomotives of this type, of any weight, "on stream-lined or main line through passenger trains," are covered by the agreement, as well as those "of more than 90,000 pounds weight on drivers" in any kind of road or yard service.

Every Painter is awaiting the initial game and if you think this local are only amateur rooters you have another guess coming—and the women will be there too—for local 5 has a live auxiliary, with real militant trade unionists who will be side by side with their men and furthermore will know where to spend their money. One of its immediate objectives is to organize a coffee pitcher on wheels and operated by its women members.

Union Drive on In Sacto. Canneries

SACRAMENTO—Cannery Union No. 20342 has begun an extensive campaign to enroll several thousand Sacramento cannery workers. An office has been opened in the Labor Temple and cannery workers are being signed up.

Non-agricultural unions are visited each night for the purpose of getting donations and backing for the drive. This also gives a chance to explain the special problems of our industry to members of other unions.

The Sacramento Federated Trades Council has endorsed this drive for funds.

Big Long Beach Meet for Mooney

LONG BEACH—A mammoth open mass meeting for Tom Mooney has been called for Wednesday, March 31, in the Labor Temple Auditorium here. The AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings is sponsoring the meeting.

STA. MONICA LABOR TOLD CIO MEANING

What It Has So Far Brought to the Bay Cities

SANTA MONICA—What the Committee for Industrial Organization means to the workers of the Bay Cities in southern California is described by the Douglas Aircraft local of the United Automobile Workers Union in the following words:

That part of the expediting of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation which is of immediate importance to the citizens and merchants of Santa Monica-Ocean Park area is the Douglas payroll.

What CIO Won Already the CIO strike has forced a substantial increase in purchasing power. Douglas wages have been raised half a million dollars a year. Increases at Northrop Corporation and at North American Aircraft Corporation are over \$200,000 more. Hundreds of smaller concerns granted similar concessions in the vain hope of warding off the permanent guarantee of job security through a strong, democratic industrial union.

The CIO unions guarantee to the workers living standards of health and decency. The CIO unions guarantee to the merchants that bills will be paid, and that purchases will exceed the bare necessities of keeping body and soul together.

The CIO unions bring new wealth, new leisure, new freedom, and all the happiness consequent on these things to the citizens of the Bay Cities.

The Douglas Aircraft and its kind HAVE NOT GIVEN THESE THINGS in the past. Under autocratic rule and a policy of low wages the benefits of the corporations presence in the community were cut to a minimum. Every citizen of the Bay Cities stands to gain by the establishment of industrial democracy and high wage standards in our principal industry—aircraft manufacturing.

Stockton Bakery Wagon Strike Off

STOCKTON—A strike of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union members here has been avoided, with the granting of a \$42 scale until June 15, and \$45 weekly after that date.

The closed shop and union recognition are retained in the new agreement. The union will next aim to obtain agreements for Modesto and Fresno.

Hearst Forced to Raise Field Wage

OROVILLE, Butte County—Even the "mighty" Hearst has been made to tremble before the growing campaign to organize the cannery and packing house workers in California.

The Hearst-owned Sunland and Packing Corp. of Butte County has granted 25% wage increases to its employees, raising the basic rate from 40 cents to 50.

Opposition To Board Admirals

WASHINGTON—Disapproval of the appointments of Admiral Henry A. Wiley and Admiral Emory S. Land is holding up all five nominations made by President Roosevelt for the Maritime Commission.

Senator Black of Alabama is among those opposing Wiley for his handling of the Camden shipyard's strike. Black also charges that Land is partial to shipbuilders.

Wiley was bitterly hostile to the West Coast maritime unions during the 1936-1937 strike. "It's revolution!" he exclaimed once when his request for a fake truce was disregarded.

SIMPSON IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore.—Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman, will speak at West Side WOW Hall Friday April 9, 8, p.m. Simpson was sentenced to three years in jail by the Nazi court, and recently released as a result of a world-wide protest.

Tintypes

Brother McLannigan bosses the Teamsters around in our town.

When Brother McLannigan last practiced at being a teamster, people would have called you nutty if you predicted there would be such a thing as an automobile.

He never learned to drive an automobile, at that; there were too many taxis around.

They say the equator is an imaginary line. Brother McLannigan thinks the same of a picket line.

He told the Labor Council he'd pull his delegates out if they didn't expel the CIO unions. A lot of the delegates yelled "Good-bye, please!"

But they didn't expel the CIO unions.

Brother McLannigan thinks a strike against the employers ought to be made a crime.

But a jurisdictional strike. That's his meat.

He read about the Teamsters in New York running a "Gold Standard" ticket and taking over the works there.

He hasn't slept so soundly since.

Texas Shipping Co. Said 'Shoot to Kill'

WASHINGTON—Ruthless concern with the lives of workers of the Southern Stevedore Co. in Houston, Tex., was disclosed to the LaFollette committee here as it completed examination of the Burns Detective Agency.

Placed in the record was a letter from Norman York, manager of the Houston office to Raymond J. Burns, secretary-treasurer of the outfit. York was explaining the reason for refusing to accept a job and the committee brought out that the reason was not an ethical one but purely a matter of business.

"I did refuse one organization who refused to tell me who they were, on the telephone, other than they were a stevedore organization, and later I found out that it was the Southern Stevedore Co., and my reason for refusing this request was that they wanted me to furnish them with guards with sawed-off shotguns to blast their way through a line of pickets at the docks, to kill if necessary and would not in any respect assume any responsibility or liability," York wrote.

"At no time have I ever lost sight of the fact that I am in a responsible position and the things I do and say can easily involve the agency in a damage suit and it was with that thought in mind that I refused to furnish guards," York added.

Raymond Burns denied that this meant that the agency did not have any scruples about the job required. Sen. LaFollette (Prog., Wis.), chairman of the committee, remarked that the record speaks for itself.

It was also brought out during the hearings that the Burns agency furnishes armed guards, that it intimidates workers by espionage and supplying of strikebreakers, and that it violates laws forbidding the interstate shipment of strikebreakers.

Decision on Cal-Pack Guard Set

ALAMEDA—Sumner Dodge, the California Packing Corp. guard who fired at and injured a Warehousemen's Union picket on March 4, will know his fate in court on April 2.

Police Judge Daniel Knox of Alameda, who has evidence against Dodge under consideration, set that date for a decision.

Cops Won't Probe Shots Fired At Mexican Home

By a Worker Correspondent

RIVERA—An American barber here hates Mexicans. He is always shooting the dogs which the Mexicans own. On March 21, two shots were fired about 2 a.m. through the windows of a house of a Mexican worker. The Mexican worker called the police.

The police asked him if he had any suspicion who did it. But you can tell clearly where they came from—a two story house which the barber owns. But the authorities haven't tried to investigate any further.

SIT-DOWNS ARE LEGAL, SAYS LAW EXPERT

New Harvard Law Dean Says They're No Violation

WASHINGTON—Eventual recognition of the sit-down strike as a legal weapon of workers was foreshadowed here by James M. Landis, dean-elect of the Harvard Law School.

Shortly before Landis expounded his thesis, sit-downs were defended from another source as a technique derived from the bankers. The second defense came from Ferdinand Pecora, formerly chief counsel for the Senate banking and finance inquiry and now a justice on the Supreme Court of New York.

Reactionaries Howl

Landis, speaking to the eastern conference of law students here, declared "the eventual outcome of the claim that sit-down strikes are legal will 'depend in part upon the emphasis that law will give to the concept of property and its inviolability in its industrial and corporate setting to economic pressure of this type—and in part, perhaps, on the capacity of our law to devise new concepts and mechanisms to meet the needs out of which this type of economic pressure has been born.'"

Previously Landis traced the legal history of strikes, pointing out that acceptance of the strike as a legal weapon did not come until the economic pressure of workers threatened to burst the bounds of law.

Admission from the dean of America's mightiest law school that sit-down strikes might be legal immediately brought screams of protest from the conservative Washington Post and it was reported that hasty councils were being held in Harvard halls.

Reveal Capt. Hynes Frameup Attempt

WASHINGTON—Attempted framing of James Carter, west coast attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, by Capt. Hynes of the Los Angeles, Cal., "red squad," was disclosed by perusal of the LaFollette committee records.

Hynes, records reveal, worked in close harmony with agents of Federal Laboratories, Pittsburgh purveyors of industrial munitions. These records show Hynes to be a red-baiter of the same caliber as Goebbels and Streicher.

In August, 1936, vigilantes attacked a group of striking agricultural workers in Santa Ana, Calif. They hurled tear gas bombs purchased directly from Federal Laboratories.

Attorneys for the ACLU picked up two gas bombs that failed to explode and wrote Federal Laboratories to inquire to whom the bombs were sold. Before replying, Folger Smith, Federal Laboratories employee in Pittsburgh, wrote Jimmy Calk, agent on the west coast.

Calk, in a letter dated August 24, 1936, replied that he was glad Smith had written him, as the inquirers were attorneys for the ACLU. Calk added that inasmuch as it was a felony in California to possess an unexploded tear gas bomb, Hynes was going to place Carter under arrest. Carter, according to Hynes, is "very Communistic."

Calk added: "I haven't heard from him (Hynes) since." It is believed possible that Los Angeles police may still be contemplating framing of Carter.

Profiteering on School Kids?

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—In accord with a statement made recently to the press by Dr. J.C. Geiger, director of public health, \$10,000 is being spent every year to supply milk to 4000 undernourished school children in San Francisco.

If the above statement is correct, as is the fact that school children are paying 10 cents for the glass of milk they drink at school with a few cookies thrown in, the health department is in the milk business and making a good profit at that as milk sells at about five cents per pint at wholesale.